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By Armand N. Nocum

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# Gov't, MILF open more peace zones

## *Salamat to pull out forces from four towns*

**By Jeffrey M. Tupas**
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*

PAGALUNGAN, Maguindanao—Peace is won one town at a time.

Two days after the MILF extended its unilateral ceasefire by another 10 days, the government and the rebel group agreed to open more "peace sanctuaries."

Moro Islamic Liberation Front chair Salamat Hashim yesterday ordered his men to withdraw from four towns in Maguindanao and one in North Cotabato. And two Presidents witnessed the conversion of Barangay Inug-ug here into a peace zone.

Former President Corazon Aquino said the Inug-ug experience could be replicated in other areas. "Our experience in Inug-ug could give hope and inspiration to other evacuees. We can see that peace is really possible. I hope all of us will help in this endeavor," she said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, who came to witness the return of the villagers dispersed by the armed conflict, praised the residents and Tabang Mindanaw.

"The declaration (of a peace sanctuary) should never come from the national government but from the villagers. It is never an imposition. The decision must come from the people in the community," she said.

Aquino is honorary chairman of Tabang Mindanaw, a multi-sectoral humanitarian group which the INQUIRER supports. Representatives of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which is brokering peace talks through the government of Malaysia, were also present at the rites.

Salamat, in a letter read by former Datu Paglas Mayor Ibrahim Paglas III during yesterday's rites, said all MILF fighters will stay away from this town and three other municipalities in Maguindanao—Pagagawan, SK Pendatun and Datu Paglas—and from Pikit in North Cotabato.

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**PEACE won one town at a time, this one's in Barangay Inug-ug, a battlefield between government and the MILF rebels in Pagalungan, Maguindanao, which has been declared a "Sanctuary of Peace" by President Macapagal and former President Cory Aquino.** EDWIN BACASMAS

PEACE TALK HINDI PUTOK!

**IF TREES could talk... Marines secure part of the perimeter area during the unveiling rites of "Sanctuary of Peace" initiated by Tabang Mindanaw, a multi-sectoral humanitarian group.** EDWIN BACASMAS

# Is she or isn't she?

## *GMA keeps 'em guessing*

**By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Carlito Pablo**

STILL sticking to her will-not-run position, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said there were others as worthy as she, or even more so, to be No. 1.

"I have unburdened myself of politics to serve the people. There are many who are equally worthy of the presidency, or even more worthy, than me," the President said in a statement. "These transient sovereign ratings are irrelevant to my political future."

But House Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II said the President should declare once and for all her political intentions in order to preserve the unity of the ruling Lakas-CMD.

"If the President is to change her mind about not running, then that decision should be announced as early as possible, and not in October, not in December. She has to bite the bullet now," Gonzales said.

He also said the delay in making such an announcement was "putting the party at a loss."

"[It] will not work for Lakas," he said, and warned: "The longer such a decision is delayed, the more are the chances that Lakas leaders will be committing to other would-be candidates" like businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr. and former Sen. Raul Roco.

The President was commenting on the London-based Fitch Ratings' downgrading of the country's credit rating from "bb plus" to "bb" based on her decision not to seek election next year. The international agency said the decision "potentially robs the Philippines of a unique opportunity for policy continuity."

It was the most categorical

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# Sin pleads: Do not abandon priests

**By Blanche S. Rivera**

MANILA Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin yesterday issued a pastoral letter urging Catholics not to abandon their priests at this time of "seeming darkness" in the Church.

It was the first time the influential cardinal, who is due to retire in August, spoke up since news of Bishop Teodoro Bacani's alleged sexual misconduct broke.

Sin also asked for sobriety as another name was dragged into the controversy involving Bacani: that of Manila Auxiliary Bishop Socrates Villegas, the cardinal's trusted private secretary and spokesperson.

"This issue has been stretched beyond proportions, causing so much pain to everybody," Sin said, adding:

"We anguish over the mistrust and calumny that are being bred, whether deliberately or not. We lament the confusion and division being provoked. Like the heart of Jesus, we are in sorrow."

Speculations have been made in the media that Villegas could be behind the exposé on Bacani's alleged sexual harassment of his secretary, to back Villegas' supposed ambition to succeed Sin as cardinal.

Villegas has denied this, saying

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# World Bank: RP 2nd best in East Asia

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.**

IN "one of the fastest turnarounds in World Bank history," the Philippines has progressed from worst to second-best in East Asia in a key category: using WB aid.

In a meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo at the 6th Infantry Division headquarters in Cotabato City yesterday, the bank's country manager said the Philippines' utilization rate in 2003 jumped to 22 percent- almost the same as the 23 percent of China, the "benchmark in East Asia."

The World Bank's Robert Vance Pulley noted that, when Ms Macapagal assumed office in 2001, the Philippines was the "slowest user of WB assistance in the East Asia region."

Utilization rates refer to how much of the aid in the pipeline is actually used. Higher rates mean the World Bank's government-counterpart is more efficient in meeting loan requirements and the like.

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# NBI medico-legal chief caught in the act

**By Gobleth Moulic**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*
**and Christian V. Esguerra**

CAUGHT in the act.

The chief of the National Bureau of Investigation's medico-legal division was caught during a combined operation of the NBI and the Philippine National Police while allegedly extorting P200,000 from a female doctor.

Dr. Maximo Reyes was nabbed during an entrapment operation in his office right at the NBI headquarters in Manila last Thursday.

Moments later, his alleged accomplice, Dr. Anthony "Jet" Castro of the NBI medico-legal office in Dagupan City, Pangasinan, was arrested, also at the NBI Manila office.

Both doctors could not be reached for comment. They were reportedly under the custody of the NBI's Special Task Force in Manila.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco likewise could not be reached for comment.

Senior Supt. Alan Purisima, chief of the PNP's Police Anti-Crime Emergency and Response (Pacer) team said Reyes was arrested while receiving marked money from Dr. Lenet Chan, a doctor in Carmen, Pangasinan.

Reyes allegedly offered to clear Chan of possible liability in the death of her patient who had died after undergoing a cesarian operation in Chan's clinic in Carmen.

Lawyer Ricardo Pangan, chief of the NBI Dagupan office, said Reyes told Chan to go to his office in Manila so they could settle her case.

When they met in his office, Reyes allegedly told Chan he could fix the autopsy report of the patient in exchange for P1 million. The amount was subsequently reduced to P200,000. Chan was supposed to give the money to Castro.

Pangan said Chan went to Wycoco to complain about Reyes' demand. Wycoco called up Pangan and told him to coordinate with the Pangasinan police and form a task force so they could entrap Reyes and Castro.

Pangan said the venue for the payoff was changed five times before the NBI and PNP were finally able to arrest the two medico-legal officers in Manila.

Initially, the payoff was supposed to be made in Urdaneta, then it was changed to Dagupan, then to Manaoag, then to Manila, then to Manaoag again, before Castro settled on Reyes' office in Manila.

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# Gregory Peck, dead at 87

LOS ANGELES—Gregory Peck, who embodied saintly fatherhood in "To Kill a Mockingbird" and played a range of real-life figures from Abraham Lincoln to Josef Mengele, died Thursday at 87.

With his French-born wife of 48 years, Veronique Passani, holding his hand, one of Hollywood's last great leading men slipped off to sleep and died at about 4 a.m. at his Los Angeles home, spokesperson Monroe Friedman said.

"It really is the end of an era," Friedman said. "He had just been getting older and more fragile. He

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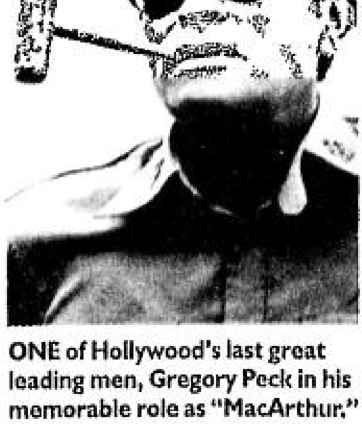
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**ONE of Hollywood's last great leading men, Gregory Peck in his memorable role as "MacArthur."**

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# Prosecutor: Graft hampering convictions

By Armand N. Nocum

**THE UNCEASING battle against graft and corruption is being stymied by a discouragingly low conviction rate of six percent and instances of suspected collusion between some government prosecutors and accused officials.**

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio made this admission yesterday even as he announced urgent efforts to make the Office of the Ombudsman's Special Prosecutor's Office (SPO) "a totally mean machine."

In a telephone interview, Villa-Ignacio told the INQUIRER that the ultimate objective was to transform the SPO to such an extent that grafters would "cower in fear" when presented with the possibility of facing the special prosecutors in court.

To achieve this, he said, the conviction rate should be raised from the six percent it was during the time of former Ombudsman Aniano Desierto to about 50 percent under the present Ombudsman Simeon V. Marcelo. He is convinced that this "fear factor" would be an effective deterrent to abuse in public office.

## 'High reward'

Villa-Ignacio said he believes one of the major reasons that corruption thrives is the persistent view that it is a "high-reward low-risk" offense. Therefore, he said, "we (should) make it high-risk and low-reward."

He said Marcelo recently directed the SPO to speed up the resolution of some 1,800 cases that have piled up at the Ombudsman's office since the 1990s.

"He has specifically ordered us to focus on and finish all high-profile cases immediately, no matter who is involved, whether past or present public officials," Villa-Ignacio said.

This means the SPO would have to quickly decide whether to dismiss cases or elevate these to the Sandiganbayan and other courts, he said, adding that unnecessary delays at this point were "definitely not good for our image."

## Crackdown

Another urgent reform measure, Villa-Ignacio said, is a crackdown on Ombudsman personnel suspected of compromising their posts.

In the past, he lamented, certain prosecutors had gone out of their way to file motions to review or dismiss graft charges, something better left to the lawyers of the accused.

"We absolutely need to reverse this perception that Ombudsman officials themselves are corrupt," Villa-Ignacio said.

He revealed that a fact-finding team was currently looking into charges of graft involving Ombudsman officials, and admitted that one of those being investigated was from the SPO.

VILLA-IGNACIO PDI PHOTO

# Where did ₱9.1B in gov't collections go, solon asks

By Carlito Pablo

SOME P9.1 billion in government fees collected in 2002 is unaccounted for and the House committee on appropriations wants to know where the money went.

Committee chair Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. (Lakas, Camarines Sur) said the congressional hearings on the 2004 national budget will be turned into "audit sessions" to determine what 12 government agencies did with the missing collections.

Andaya released the list of the agencies whose remittances to the Bureau of the Treasury did not tally with the records of the National Tax and Research Center (NTRC).

These are the Bureau of Food and Drugs, which collected P115 million but remitted only P73 million to the BoT; the Securities and Exchange Commission, which collected P861 million but remitted only P444 million; the Department of Foreign Affairs, which remitted P608 million out of collections of P918 million;

The Professional Regulation Commission, which collected P388 million but remitted only P193 million; the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, which collected P282 million but remitted only P215 million; the Land Transportation and Franchise Regulatory Board, collected P351 million, remitted P47 million;

The National Telecommunications Commission, collected P1.423 billion, remitted P1.401 billion; Land Registration Authority, collected P1.16 billion, remitted P638 million; the Air Transportation Office, collected P2.24 billion, remitted P786 million; Land Transportation Office, collected P1.48 billion, remitted P131 million, and the Bureau of Fire Protection, collected P157 million, remitted P35 million.

"We hope to answer the 'whodunit' question when the committee hears the agencies' proposed budgets in August," Andaya said.

He warned that if the agencies are proven to have "illegally retained or diverted" the fees, the amounts would be deducted from their proposed budgets and deemed to be part of their operating funds.

Andaya noted that inquiries made by the NTRC with the collecting agencies revealed they had two sets of collection reports: one that was reported to the Bureau of the Treasury, and the other which was their actual cash operations report.

"The latter (report) contains a bigger collection figure and (it) is the real one," Andaya said.

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# WHO warns vs importing sick animals

By Blanche S. Rivera

AFTER SUCCESSFULLY arresting the spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in the Philippines, the country should watch out for animal products being imported from other countries.

The World Health Organization issued the warning in a recent press briefing at the WHO office in Manila amid reminders the government should not let its guard down in the fight against SARS.

Elizabeth Miranda, WHO Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response medical officer, cited the new diseases that are being transmitted from animals to humans.

These include the poultry corona virus, bird flu, rabies-related bat virus and another virus that infects horses. In the United States, over 30 people have been afflicted with monkeypox, a disease transferred from groundhogs.

Miranda warned against the importation of infected animals, especially from countries where the animal diseases are known to be present.

She said the transfer of animal diseases could be caused by the encroachment of humans on their habitats and interruptions in the animal population due to changes in the environment.

Experts are investigating whether the mysterious SARS, an atypical pneumonia, could have come from the corona virus.

On Thursday, WHO representative to the Philippines Jean Marc Olive said "the worst is over" for the Philippines in its battle against SARS, which has killed five Filipinos here and abroad.

He said, however, the country should continue to beef up the capabilities of its hospitals and medical personnel to handle infectious disease like SARS.

"There is still some work to be done," Olive said at the briefing.

He stressed the need for water, basins for washing, functioning toilets and a "good plan" on dealing with infectious persons and materials in Philippine hospitals.

A group of of experts made the rounds of hospitals in the Western Pacific region a month ago and found that many of the WHO recommendations for dealing with SARS were being followed.

In the Philippines, three-fourths of the country's 1,610 cities and towns have passed ordinances mandating the quarantine of persons suspected of having SARS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government reported Thursday. *With Jerome Aning*

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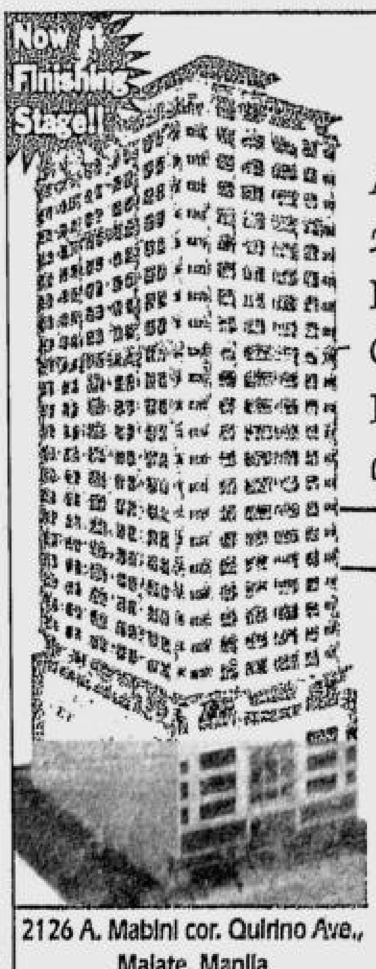

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# Aussie caned for Pinay wife's crime

CANBERRA—An Australian man married to a Filipino is being released early from an 18-month jail term in Saudi Arabia, after receiving 300 lashes for a crime his wife was accused of committing, Australian officials said on Thursday.

Robert Thomas, 55, was sentenced last September after his wife Lorna, a nurse, was accused of stealing equipment from the hospital where they both worked. The wife was also jailed.

Thomas, an anaesthetic technician who has lived in Saudi Arabia for about 10 years, was beaten 50 times every two weeks with a cane until 300 lashes were administered, despite protests lodged by Australian officials over his treatment.

A spokesperson from Australia's foreign office said Thomas has been given a remission and released early.

"The formalities are being completed for his return to Australia. His return is imminent," said the spokesperson, who added that Thomas had requested that details of his return not be released.

The spokesperson did not know what was happening with Thomas' wife.

Under Saudi Arabia's legal system, which enforces strict sharia law, Thomas was found guilty of association after his wife refused to confess to any crime. The pair did not hire a lawyer. *Reuters*

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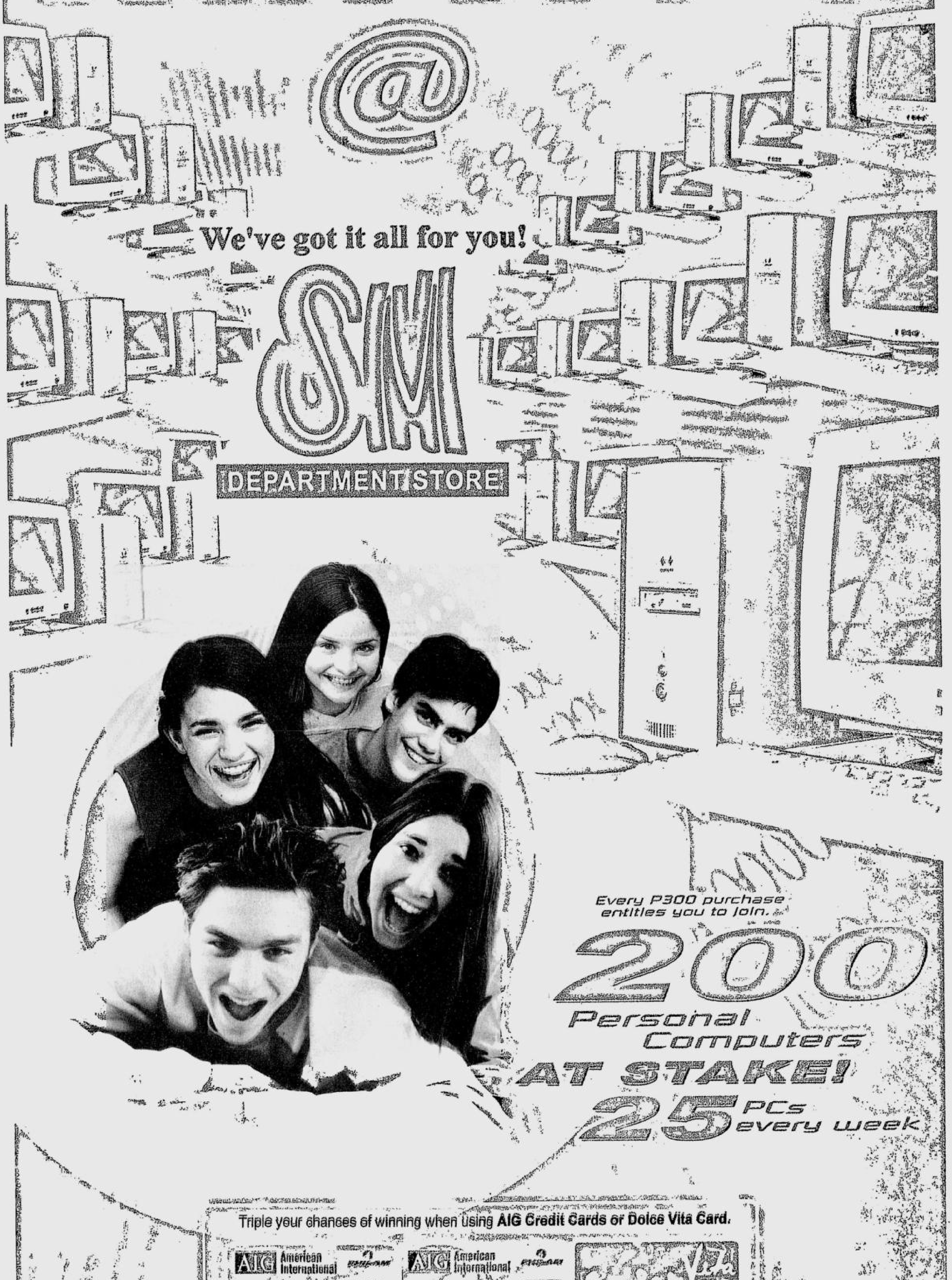

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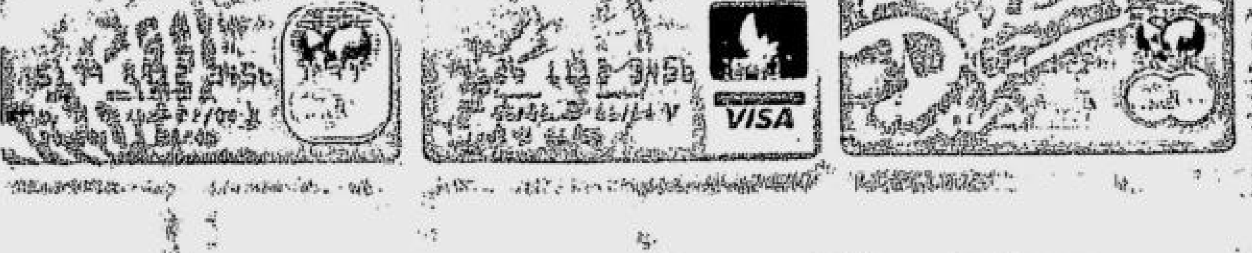

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# Sin pleads: Don't abandon ...

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it was "nothing but calumny."

Sin called for week-long prayer—from June 22 to 29, a period coinciding with the celebration of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—for the sanctification of priests.

He also asked the faithful to do an hour of penance on June 27 for the sins of and against priests.

"Assure your priests that you love them, that you will not abandon them and that you will always pray for them. Now more than ever, they need your understanding and support," he said.

The Archdiocese of Manila said it would organize a public recitation of 20 mysteries of the Rosary for priests on June 28.

Sin said the times also provided a good opportunity for priests to examine whether they were truly "configured" to the image of the Good Shepherd.

"This is not the worst of times," he said. "This can be the best, for it will be *kairos*—an unfolding of God's manifold grace to those who trust Him."

Sin said Filipinos should pray "with more fervor and urgency" this year. He also asked the faithful to pray for Bacani and those who have been hurt by the scandal.

"These times call for deeper faith, faithful love and fervent hope," he said.

Bacani, 63, who heads the diocese of Novaliches, was accused by his secretary of making sexual advances toward her twice, the latest in March when he tried to hug her. The woman, who worked for him for five years, has since resigned.

The Vatican is investigating the case. At press time, the INQUIRER learned that Papal Nuncio Antonio Franco has arrived from the Vatican with the report of its findings on the Bacani case.

Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines president Archbishop Orlando Quevedo said that usually, the findings of the Vatican are forwarded to the Papal Nuncio who would then give it to the bishop concerned, in this case, Bacani.

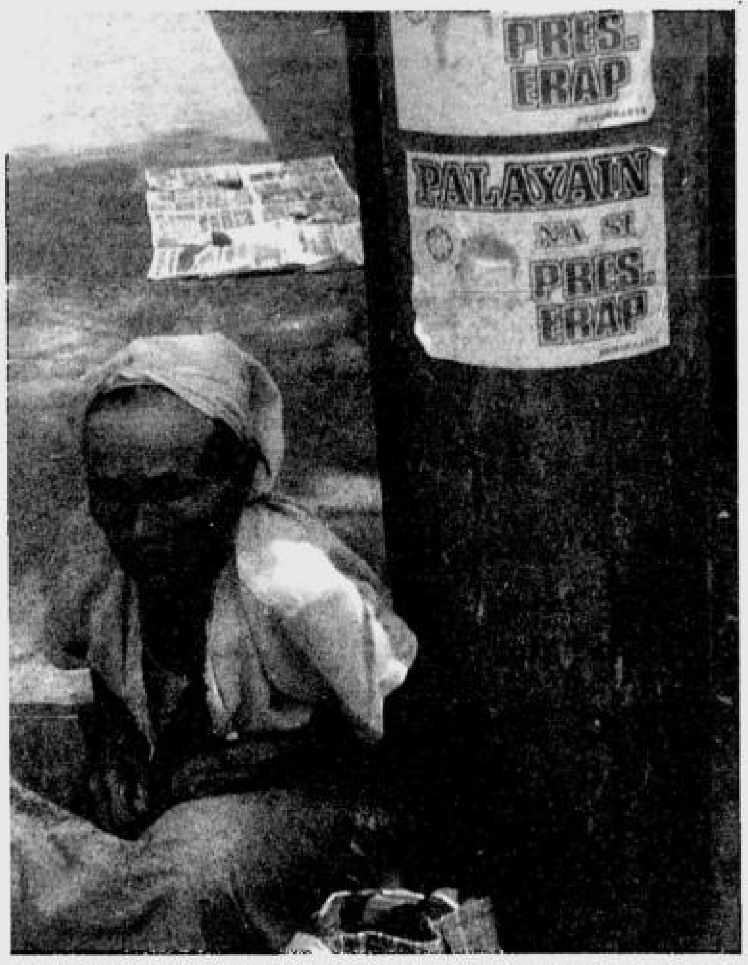
When asked if he had a copy of the report, Quevedo said he was not even aware that he was supposed to receive the report.

And if ever he, as CBCP president, is furnished a copy of the report, he said it would take two to three days before it reaches him. Quevedo is in Sultan Kudarat, which is part of his archdiocese.

Bacani left Monday to visit his ailing mother in the United States. Before he left, he issued a statement apologizing to priests, followers and his secretary, saying he was "deeply sorry for the consequences of any inappropriate expression of affection."

His spokesperson, Rev. Romulo Rañada, said that while Bacani might have expressed affection inappropriately, there was no malice in his actions.

Rañada also denied that the actions constituted sexual harassment.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**"FREE Erap" posters suddenly surfaced after prosecutors threatened to file a motion before the Sandiganbayan to return former President Estrada to jail.** JOAN BONDOC

# Erap to stay in hospital

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it may help Estrada wiggle out of his plunder case.

He said the move may make it appear that the government was getting back at Estrada for filing an impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. and seven justices of the Supreme Court.

Villa-Ignacio theorized that his prosecutors might have conceptualized the move, thinking that it would be "doing us a favor, without knowing it will boomerang on us."

"The former President wants to generate sympathy from the public and agitate his hard-core and die-hard followers, thus there are posters cropping up in Quezon City screaming the words: "Free Erap," Villa-Ignacio also told the INQUIRER yesterday.

"We are diverting attention. People have forgotten that the defense panel should have presented evidence way back (on) June 2 and every Monday and Wednesday thereafter," he said in a phone interview.

Instead of doing that, he said, Estrada's lawyers have filed several motions—to dismiss the plunder charges, to summon President Macapagal-Arroyo, Davide and five other high officials—that effectively derailed the presentation of evidence.

"They are now resorting to extra-legal maneuvers and we don't want to give them additional reasons" to continue doing so, Villa-Ignacio said.

Late last Thursday, the chief prosecutor of the Office of the Ombudsman stopped a team led by Prosecutor John Turalba from filing before the Sandiganbayan a motion to transfer Estrada from the Veterans Memorial Medical Center to a detention cell in Camp Crame, the Philippine National Police headquarters.

"We have not filed, nor are we filing a motion for the moment," he said. "It is an option available for the prosecution. Unfortunately, Prosecutor Turalba relayed one of the options available to the media, but that was not adopted."

"If we do that, the more it will inflame the passions of his followers. I think it would be wrong timing. I even feel that that is the wish of the opposition, to transfer Erap to the regular detention center so that they can claim that we are persecuting and harassing their idol," he said.

## Judicial matter

Turalba's intention to file the motion prompted a reaction from the President.

"The venue for his detention is a judicial matter. It is up to the Sandiganbayan to decide on it. We will not intervene," the President said in a statement.

But presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye, in a radio interview, went a step further.

"Our initial reaction is that it is better for him to stay in his present detention center but it is up to the Sandiganbayan to decide," Bunye said.

The PNP supported the aborted bid to detain Estrada in Camp Crame.

"Crame is more secure and keeping him here would be less expensive," Chief Supt. Prospero Noble told the INQUIRER. As director of the Police Security Protection Office, he is in charge of Estrada's security.

Noble noted that the government has been spending a substantial amount to secure the VMMC, where the former President has been detained since May 2001.

He did not elaborate, however.

Estrada was first detained in Camp Crame immediately after his arrest on April 25, 2001.

The sight of the former President being taken by a massive police contingent from his San Juan mansion to nearby Camp Crame angered his loyalists and subsequently triggered the bloody siege of Malacañang six days later.

"I hope nothing similar like that would happen again," said Noble. ***With reports from Christian Esguerra and Juliet Javellana***

# World Bank: RP ...

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Pulley said that in 2001, the "disbursement ratio was only 10 percent"—which meant that the administration of President Joseph Estrada "would have taken 10 years to utilize all the (WB) aid in the pipeline."

Pulley explained that the increase in the utilization rate to 22 percent meant that projects undertaken with WB assistance could now be completed in five years or less.

The WB accounts for 12 percent of the country's total Official Development Assistance (ODA) loans of over $12 billion.

Pulley credited five executive departments—Public Works and Highways, Education, Agriculture, Agrarian Reform and Social Welfare and Development—for "fixing problems quickly and clearing away bottlenecks."

The World Bank and other international lenders have complained about the country's poor loan disbursement record, which has hampered the implementation of key projects in infrastructure, education, agriculture and poverty alleviation.

Based on previous ODA portfolio reviews, multilateral lenders have urged the Philippines to strengthen the mechanism for monitoring and evaluation; rationalize procurement guidelines; clarify and define fund flow procedures; review right-of-way acquisitions and resettlement; improve the implementation capacity of agencies; and rationalize the staff deployment for the Project Management Offices (PMOs).

In the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao alone, Pulley said, the WB has a total of $33 million allotted for such projects as farm-to-market roads, postharvest facilities, and irrigation.

He said the bank is also ready to approve the first 10 community sub-projects for five municipalities in ARMM, including one in Pagagawan, Maguindanao—one of five towns the Moro Islamic Liberation Front said yesterday it would withdraw its forces from

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# PDI's New Paper Drive saves 3,800 trees

By Celine R. Madamba

SINCE its launch three years ago, the Philippine Daily Inquirer's New Paper Drive has involved more than 200 institutions. Some 200,000 kilos of old broadsheets and tabloids have been collected, saving an estimated 3,800 trees.

This year, in celebration of World Ecology Month, the INQUIRER is conducting its annual newspaper recycling drive with a new partner: the Metro Manila Federation of Environment (MMFE), implementor of "Linis Ganda."

New Paper Drive promotes solid waste management through the purchase, collection and recycling of old newspapers. More than 2,500 Linis Ganda eco-aides in 17 cities and municipalities have been mobilized this year to help in the work of collection in Metro Manila, Cebu and Davao.

Regular participants in the drive include the Archdiocese of Manila and the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF). This year, New Paper Drive is LCF's major activity for its Corporate Social Responsibility Week from July 9-11.

Clean and dry broadsheets and tabloids will be purchased by PDI at P5 per kilo, then recycled into "new paper" to help minimize the demand for virgin wood pulp and the need for landfills.

INQUIRER president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez noted that landfills caused both health and environmental hazards. "We hope to reduce the amount of waste bound for dumpsites and make segregation and recycling a habit in homes, offices and communities," she said.

Statistics show the Philippines has lost over 67 percent of its forests since 1903, partly due to increased paper production. Newspapers alone use up more than 19,834 tons of newsprint every year. If all these were recycled, according to studies, more than 337,178 trees would be spared annually. With less than six million hectares of forest remaining in the country, recycling has become imperative.

Starting this week, walk-in sellers in Metro Manila may bring old broadsheets and tabloids between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays to the FEP Printing Press loading dock, at 3817 Mascardo St., behind the INQUIRER building on Chino Roces Avenue, Makati. Or they may have these picked up by Linis Ganda via tel. nos. 430-6274 and 428-0924. In Cebu, they may call (032) 340-7970 to 71, and in Davao, (084) 244-1711 to 12.

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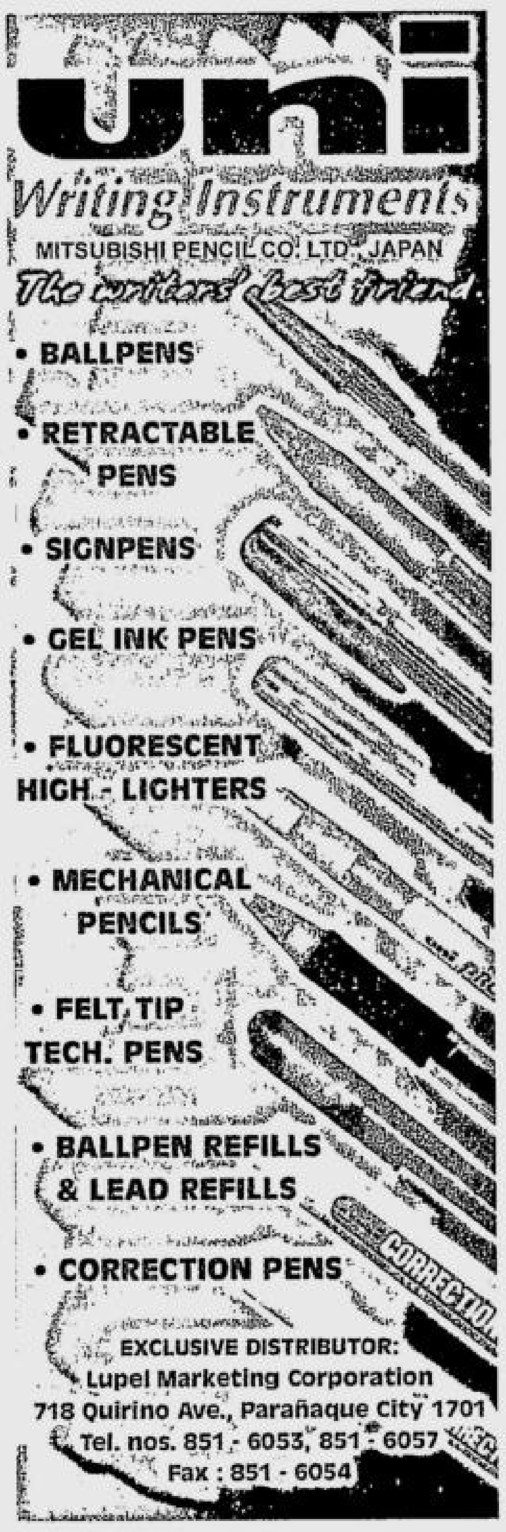
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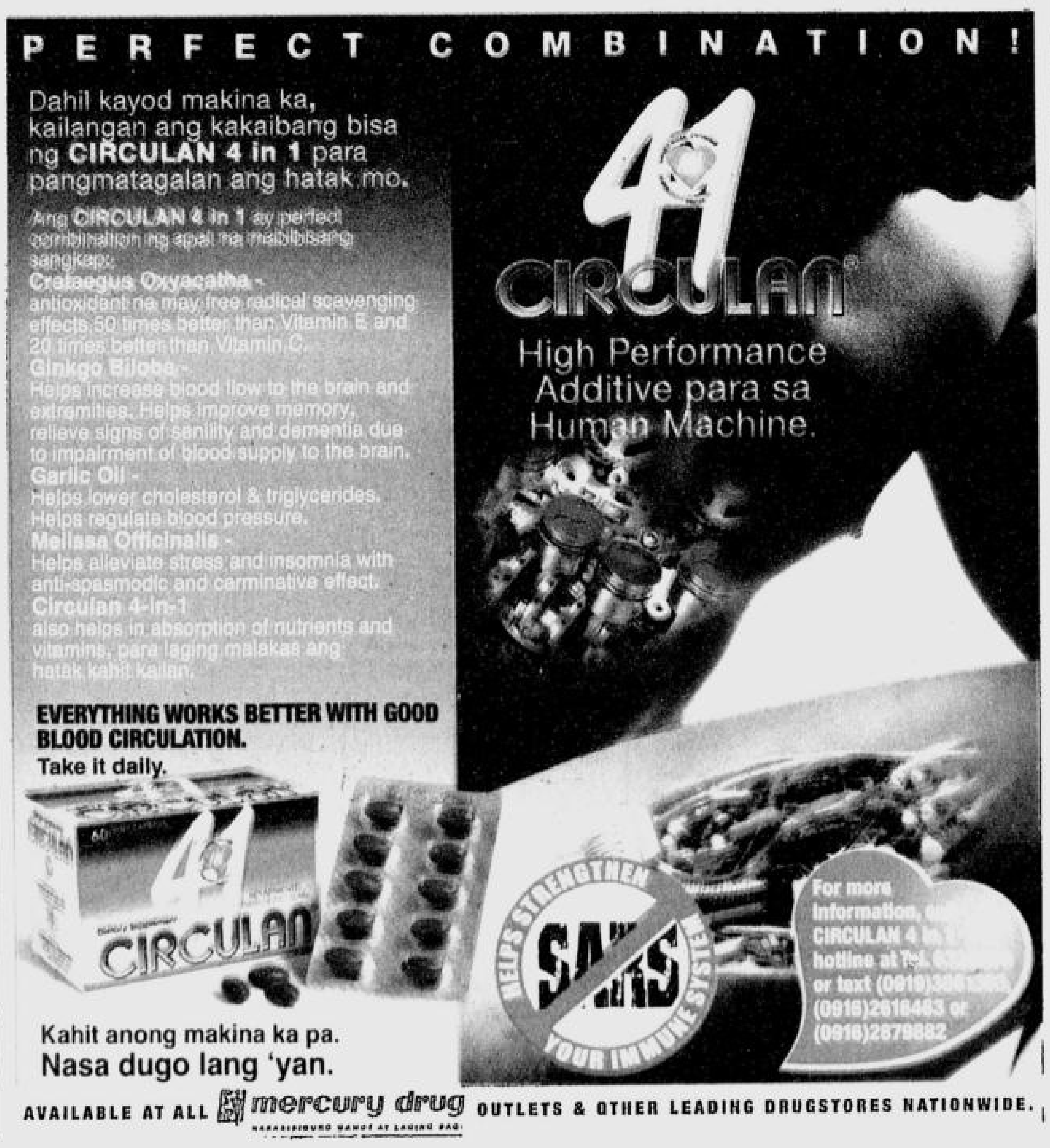

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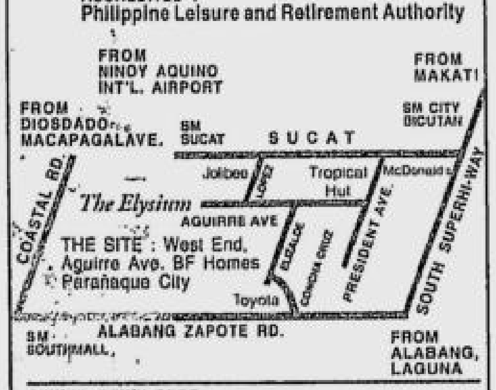

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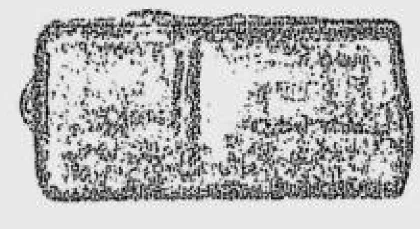

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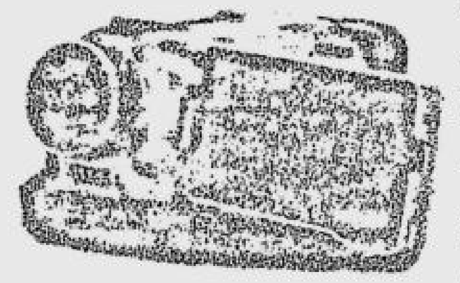

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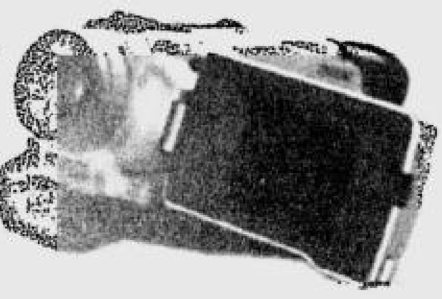

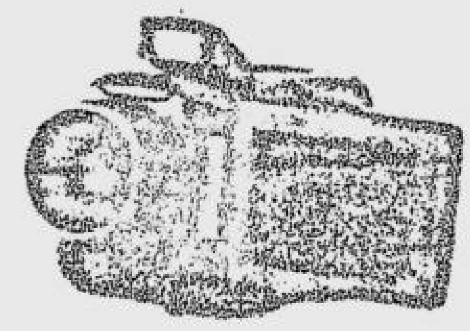

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# Gordon backs gambling on Boracay

By Jerome Aning

DESPITE growing opposition from residents and the local church, Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon supports the opening of a casino on Boracay Island.

In an interview, Gordon said the benefits that would accrue to the island "far outweigh" the concerns aired by the locals.

"I'm just being pragmatic. I find their concerns strange since the casino would be exclusively for tourists," the secretary told reporters.

He added that when he was in Boracay last month, no one expressed any opposition to the casino.

"They like the idea of a casino very much," he said.

The DOT chief also pointed out that the income to be derived from the casino could be used by island authorities to improve its port, buy speed boats and rescue equipment, for lighting, to build a fully equipped hospital, and other projects.

In the past few days, however, several Boracay residents, including resort operators, have been calling radio stations in Manila to air their opposition to the casino. The gambling venue is being built—and will be operated—by the Philippine Games and Amusement Corp. in the northern part of the island.

## Island's image

The residents said the casino will destroy Boracay's image as "a family tourist destination."

One resort operator said she fears it would not be long before Boracay would become a gambling island, with tourists flocking there to gamble and not to enjoy its white beaches.

A casino is also not in the island's original master development plan, the residents said.

The local Catholic parish, meanwhile, is worried that gambling would bring about a decline in values and morality in resident and visitor alike. It also fears a rise in gambling-related crimes.

"If you don't like the casino, then just don't go there. It's that simple," was Gordon's reply. The gambling house will not be "that grand," but it would add a profile to the island, he added.

The tourism secretary said it was about time the people of Boracay "put money back in the well."

He said that for many years, the government has been pouring funds and investments into the island to boost its image as an international tourist destination.

He said the island's people and local government have to start looking for their own sources of revenue, such as a casino, to maintain Boracay's image and improve the delivery of services to tourists.

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**DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
**No. 2003-17**

SUBJECT : ADDENDUM TO SECTION 4 OF DAO 99-46 RE: INCLUSION OF SUBIC BAY, ZAMBALES AS THE PORT OF ENTRY FOR IMPORTED WOOD MATERIALS

In the interest of the service and in order to assist importers in the entry of imported wood materials such as logs, lumber, veneer, plywood, other wood-based panels, poles and piles, pulpwood and wood chips, Section 4 of DENR Administrative Order No. 99-46: Revised Regulations Governing the Entry and Disposition of Imported Wood Materials is hereby amended to include the Port of Subic Bay in the Province of Zambales as additional Port of Entry for the Island of Luzon.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and upon acknowledgement by the U.P. Law Center.

(Sgd.) **ELISEA G. GOZUN**
Secretary

*Inquirer--June 14, 2003*

# FILSCAP gets a TRO against Concert Producer

The Filipino Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Inc. (FILSCAP) yesterday scored another victory in its struggle for recognition of composers' rights after it got a Temporary Restraining Order against Mareco Broadcasting Network, Inc., a radio broadcasting company and producer of *Crossover Presents* concerts.

In his Order dated June 10, 2003, Judge Reynaldo B. Daway of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City, Branch 90 ordered Mareco, its officers, employees, agents and representatives and all persons acting under its authority or direction "to refrain or to desist from further publicly performing certain musical compositions written by the members of FILSCAP in the Crossover concert featuring Regine Velasquez and Kyla. The concert is set on June 11, 2003 at the Captain's Bar. The TRO will force Mareco to change the repertoire of said concert or run the risk of being cited for contempt.

Among the songs identified in the TRO that Mareco is being prohibited from performing in its concerts are those recorded by Regine herself and composed by members of FILSCAP like George Canseco, Jose Mari Chan, Ogie Alcasid, Ryan Cayabyab, Rey Valera, Trina Belamide, Louie Ocampo, Mario Borje, among others.

FILSCAP was represented in the case by Atty. Halina V. Mina. Also present during the hearing on the TRO was FILSCAP's Chairman, George Canseco, and its monitoring team, Marie Jane Suarez and Imelda Cortez.

FILSCAP is an association of local composers, lyric-writers and music publishers that was established in 1965. As the sole composers' society that collectively administers the public performance of songs, it is to FILSCAP that a person or corporation desiring to publicly perform or authorize the public performance of music may make an application for a license. Under Republic Act No. 8293 or the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, TV and radio stations, hotels, restaurants, bars, dance halls, live performance venues and concert producers are under obligation to first secure a license from FILSCAP prior to any playing, airing or public performance by any other means. Last year, FILSCAP also successfully obtained a TRO against ABS-CBN Corporation for the network's public performance of songs composed by members of FILSCAP in its daily soap operas.

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# 2, not 8, Pinoys captives, says DFA

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs yesterday denied reports six other Filipinos were being held hostage by rebel forces in strife-torn Liberia.

In a phone interview, DFA spokesperson Ambassador Victoriano Lecaros said, "That report is wrong."

Lecaros said Philippine Ambassador to Nigeria Masaranga Umpa, in a report to the DFA in Manila, disputed wire agency stories that said eight Filipinos were among the foreigners being held hostage in the West African country.

Earlier, Lecaros had said that only two Filipinos, identified as brothers Renato and Julito Carpentero, were being held captive after fighting broke out Monday between troops loyal to Liberian President Charles Taylor and rebel forces of the Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy in the capital of Monrovia.

Agence France Presse reported on Friday that eight Filipinos were among the foreigners being held hostage by the Liberian rebels.

It said the DFA had received the information about the eight from a Vatican-based religious order in Monrovia. *Gerald G. Lacuarta; AFP*

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# Civil groups back Tito against Charter change

**By Gerald G. Lacuarta**

A NEW coalition of civil society groups has rallied behind Vice President Teofisto "Tito" Guingona in his battle against perceived attempts to tamper with protectionist economic provisions in the Constitution through a proposed constituent assembly.

At the Club Filipino on Thursday, more than 100 representatives of 36 organizations, including militant and religious groups, vowed to oppose Charter change. They accused proponents of seeking to amend sections of Article 12 that limit foreign ownership and use of land and other natural resources, utilities, mass media and corporations.

Members of the House are vigorously pushing for the convening of the House and the Senate into a constituent assembly to amend the Constitution.

The protesting groups declared their stand in a manifesto titled "Preserve, Protect and Promote our National Patrimony," drawn up Monday during a multi-sectoral consultation convened by Guingona. He had earlier voted against a Lakas party resolution supporting the proposed assembly.

In the manifesto, the groups warned: "The Filipino people's right to self-determination is under threat from the demand of powerful foreign interests and entities to have the right to own and exploit our lands."

Thursday's meeting was the result of Guingona's call on June 3 for "nationalist members of civil society" to join him in the fight. Present were Pastor "Boy" Saycon of the Council of Philippine Affairs, Fr. Joe Dizon of PlunderWatch, Rep. Satur Ocampo of Bayan Muna, former senator Bobby Tanada of the Free Trade Alliance, Teddy Casiño of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan and Jose "Linggoy" Alcuaz of the Silent Protest Movement.

Article 12 has 22 sections that protect Filipino entrepreneurs against unfair foreign competition and trade practices. It also provides that the state may enter into joint ventures or production-sharing agreements only with Filipino citizens or corporations that are at least 60 percent owned by Filipinos. Section 11 imposes the same conditions on issuing franchises, certificates, or other forms of authorization for the operation of a public utility.

Other groups in the Guingona-led movement are the Alliance of Concerned Teachers, Anak ng Bayan, Apostleship of the Sea, Aquila Legis Fraternity, Bagong Bandila, Citizens Alliance for Consumer Protection, Class '56, Courage, Development Action for Women's Network, Good Shepherd Congregation, Iglesia Filipina Independiente, Kaibigan, Kairos, Kalikasan-PNE, Kapisanan ng Migranteng Pilipino;

Kasama, Katapat-Nepa, Legal Rights and Natural Resources Committee, National Council of Churches in the Philippines, Maritime Integrity, Reconciliation for Progress Movement, Sandata, Seamen's Wives Association, Christian Muslim Democrats and Bagong Sandata.

# White House confirms Bush trip to RP

US PRESIDENT George W. Bush will travel to Southeast Asia in October, with stops in the Philippines and Thailand, the White House announced.

Bush will attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Bangkok on Oct. 20-21, a White House statement said. He will combine the meeting with a state visit to Thailand, accepting an invitation from King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The President will visit the Philippines as part of the same trip, the White House said Thursday, accepting an invitation extended by President Macapagal-Arroyo during her visit to Washington last month.

Bush is also expected to visit several other nations in the region as part of the trip, including a possible stop in Australia, but additional stops have not yet been announced. *AP*

# Tinga leads SC bets

FORMER Rep. Dante Tinga leads the nominees to fill the current vacancy in the Supreme Court, judiciary sources said yesterday.

Tinga obtained the highest number of votes from the Judicial and Bar Council for the seat vacated by Justice Vicente M. Mendoza, who retired last April 5, the sources said.

The other nominees who got votes were, in descending order, SC Court Administrator Presbitero Velasco, Dean Raul Pangalangan of the University of the Philippines College of Law, Sandiganbayan Fourth Division chair Justice Gregory Ong and Court of Appeals Justice Ruben Reyes.

The JBC met on Thursday and came up with the short list of nominees which they had whittled down from 11. The list will reportedly be submitted to the President next week.

Under the Constitution, the JBC screens and recommends to the President appointees to the judiciary. *Philip C. Tubeza*

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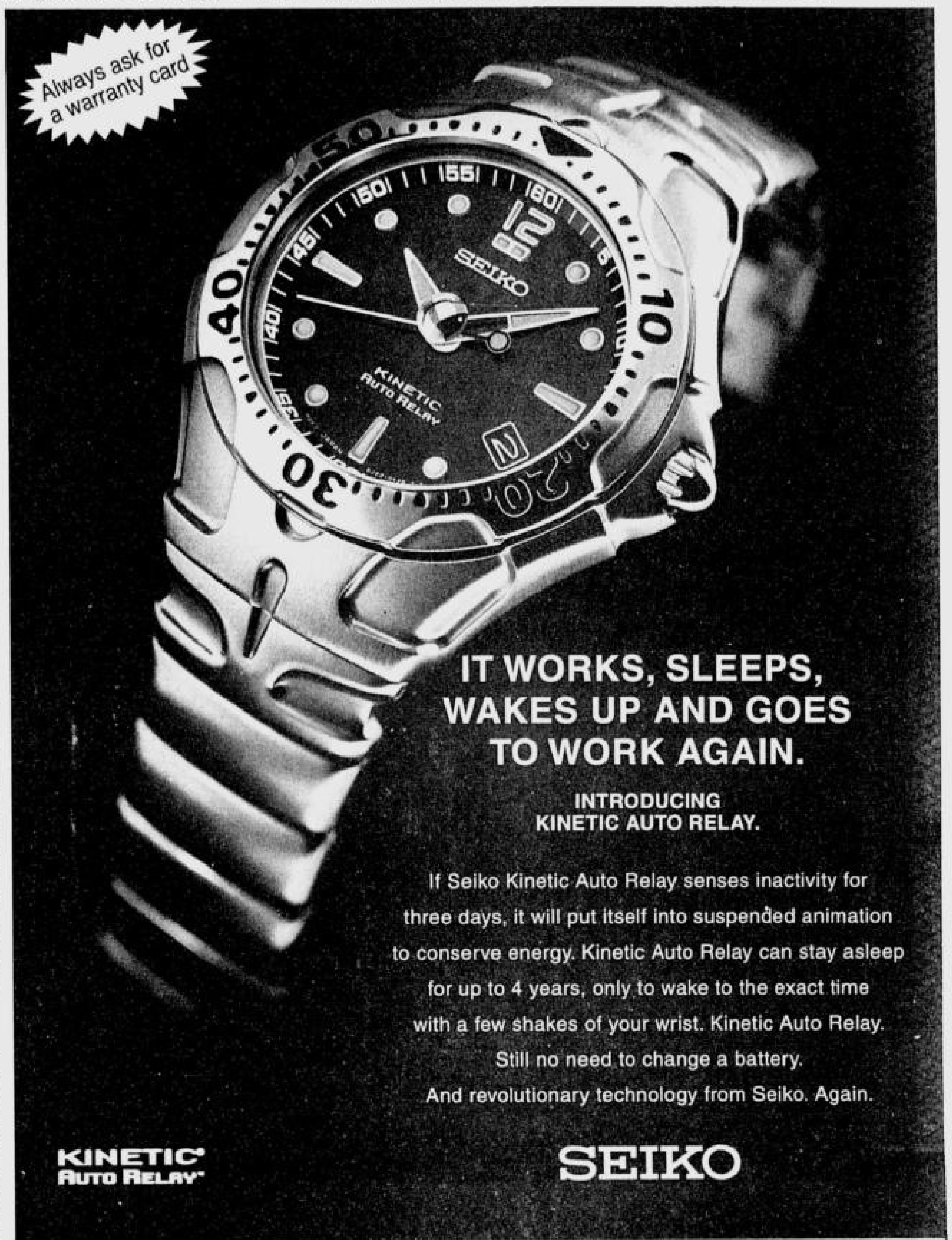
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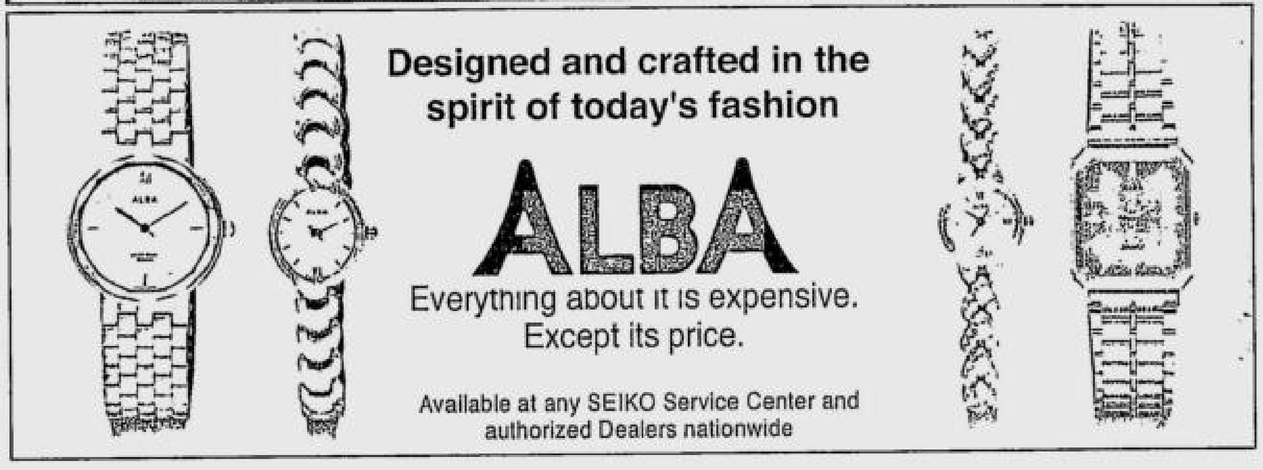
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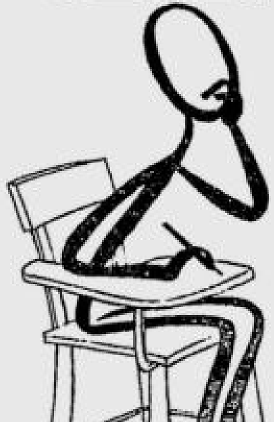

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**EDITORIALS**

## Good news

THE GOOD news is that the world is agitated about the renewed incarceration of Aung San Suu Kyi, the thorn on the side of the military junta of Myanmar (Burma), which has ruled the country with an iron grip for many years.

For those who have not been keeping track of world events, Suu Kyi was rearrested last May 30 after a clash between a pro-government group and her supporters. She was touring a northern province when her convoy was met by the pro-government group. Violence erupted and Suu Kyi and several of her lieutenants were arrested. They were held incommunicado until last Tuesday when the junta allowed her to see UN envoy Razali Ismail. Ismail reported that Suu Kyi was unhurt in the melee and remained in high spirits.

In Washington, Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and US President George W. Bush demanded the immediate release of Suu Kyi and her companions. "We have grave concerns about the actions that are being taken in Burma," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. He added that the United States has extended a ban on new US investments there.

In Europe, London, Berlin, Paris and other governments have called for Suu Kyi's immediate release as well. Even the Asean, a group known to be reticent about condemning a neighbor, officially because of a policy of noninterference in one another's affairs, and unofficially because of the principle of "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone," is pressing for the release of Suu Kyi. Senior officials from 10 Asean countries started deliberations in Phnom Penh last Thursday in preparation for the two-day 36th Asean Ministerial Meeting on Monday. Although Myanmar is not in the agenda, the group is expected to issue a statement urging the junta to heed world opinion.

## Bad news

THE BAD news is that none of this is being pressed with the same ferocious urgency the United States showed in ousting Saddam Hussein. The rationale that Myanmar does not pose the same imminent threat to the world because it does not possess weapons of mass destruction does not hold water because neither did Iraq, as subsequent events showed.

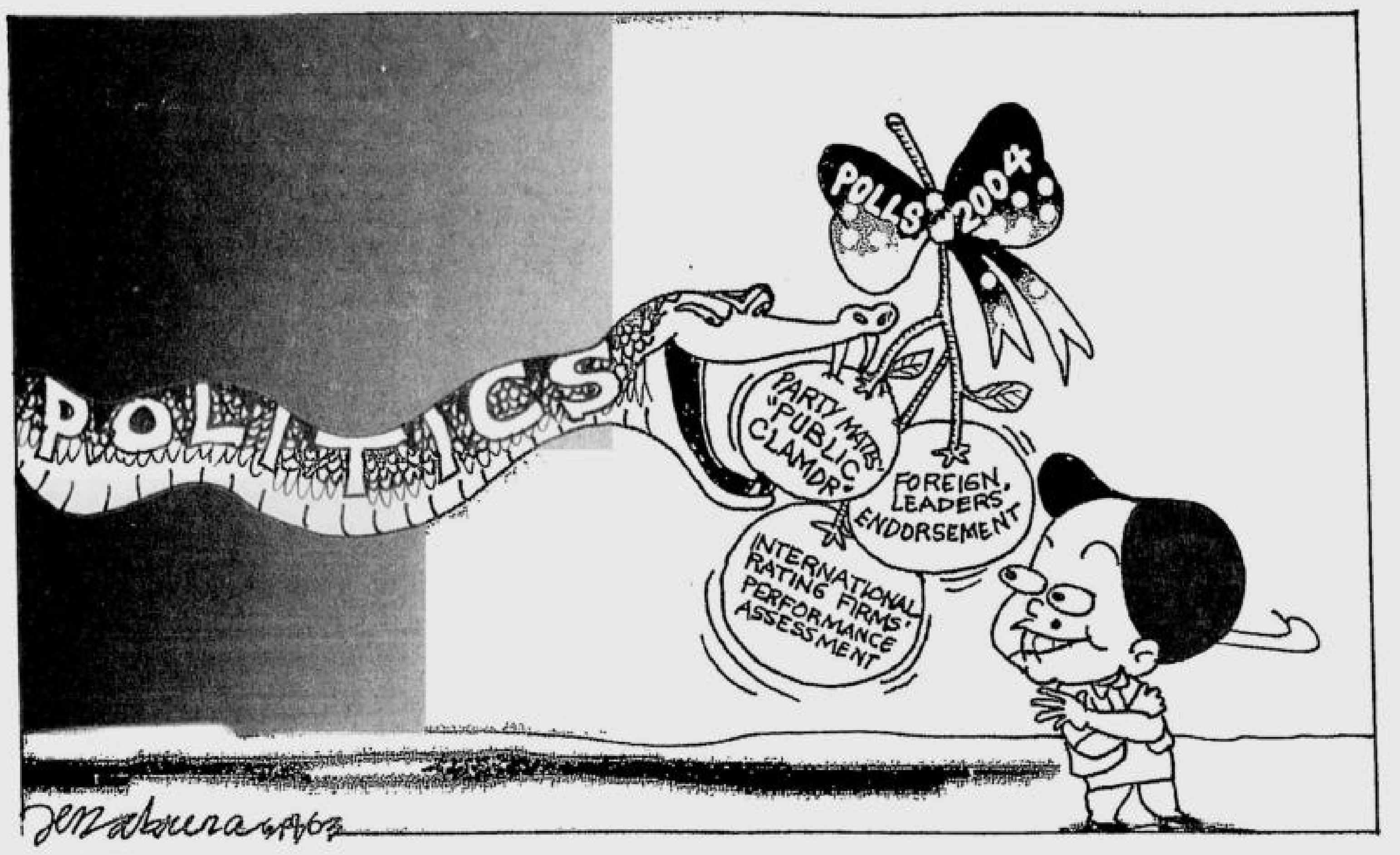
In the United States, the Democrats are currently calling for a congressional investigation of the official justification for the war in Iraq, citing the deliberate attempt by the White House and the intelligence community to exaggerate Saddam's threat. Indeed, but a few days into the war, the White House completely changed its rationale from ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction to ridding Iraq of a monstrous tyrant. One who caused untold misery to his people, and turned back the hands of time on his country.

Well, no government over the last couple of decades has plunged its country to the depths of backwardness and ignorance more than the junta in Myanmar. It is a country where people are compelled to register their personal computers, and where being found with an unregistered one is a reason for being thrown in jail. It is a country that compels citizens to surrender their passports to the authorities upon coming home—if they are allowed to leave in the first place.

But it is also a country that has produced Suu Kyi, a woman who has been jailed so many times but has fought tirelessly to free her country from tyranny. No one deserves to be helped more aggressively. Short of an invasion, which is condemnable in Yangon as in Baghdad, governments might adopt a tougher, or more hostile, attitude toward the current Myanmar regime. Suu Kyi has been in and out of jail for the last couple of decades. We have not heard any American or British government say the government of Myanmar has been given all the chance in the world to comply with UN resolutions, or world opinion, enough to make them lose their patience.

Closer to home, we do not see President Macapagal-Arroyo taking the same aggressive posture she took against Iraq to free Myanmar. As terrorists go, you can't have a more terroristic bunch of people than those who are currently holding Suu Kyi in "protective custody." Of course all over the world, the one living Asian who is recognized as one of the greatest spokespersons for freedom and democracy, quite apart from fighting terrorism, is Suu Kyi, not Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Maybe it's because Myanmar has no oil?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## Revising the Constitution

**Separate Opinion**

*Isagani A. Cruz*

IN THE 1935 and 1973 Constitutions, the article on changing their provisions was simply and properly titled "Amendments." The word was used in its generic sense, to include both the isolated amendment and the comprehensive revision of the document. Under the present Constitution, however, the title of Art. XVII is "Amendments or Revisions," to distinguish one from the other.

In mechanic's parlance, an amendment may be likened to trouble shooting, such as the replacement of the spark plugs or the radiator hose. Anybody can do this. But a revision is similar to an overhaul of the entire engine, which will require more expertise and expense.

Amendments or revisions may be proposed either directly by Congress or by a constitutional convention to be called by it or, in exceptional cases, the people. A third method is the initiative, by which the people may directly propose amendments only and not revision. This method failed in two Supreme Court petitions for lack of the necessary implementing statute.

Given this distinction between the contemplated changes, the choice of who should make the proposal should be easy. If all that is sought is a mere amendment, like adding academic qualifications to elective offices, this can be easily handled by Congress acting as a constituent assembly. The issue is not too complicated for its members nor should it take too much time to resolve. The expense will also be minimal compared to the election and maintenance of a constitutional convention.

But if what is proposed is the review of the entire Constitution, say to make it briefer and less ambiguous and platitudinous, I believe the matter should be left to a more competent and less politicized body than Congress, which is not exactly known for its altruism. The delegates to a constitutional convention will be elected on the strength—at least we can hope—of their qualifications in improving the Constitution. Their motivations will be less suspect and probably even—I hesitate to use the word—nobler.

Congress has many competent members, but they do not constitute the majority of its roster. Most of our legislators have been elected for their back-slapping abilities, monetary persuasions, private armies, political relationships, tinsel popularity, and other dubious endowments. Some of them may not even have read the Constitution. The members of Congress may be adept in the task of lawmaking but not in the art of drafting or changing a constitution.

The delegates to a constitutional convention require a special knowledgeability and a higher degree of responsibility in revising the fundamental law. They will not do this to serve their future ambitions. They are not supposed to pass transient laws but constitutional rules with enduring duration and effect. No less important, their work cannot be repealed by mere statutes or be subject to legislative caprice. And they will have more time to devote to their single task.

There was that presumptuous proposal made by a past Congress to allow its members to sit as *ex officio* members in the Constitutional Convention that was eventually organized in 1970. That effrontery was flatly rejected by the people. That experience revealed the cupidity for power of our legislators then even as their present successors are exhibiting similar selfishness.

The plan, according to widespread speculation, is that Congress, acting as a constituent assembly, will propose an extension of the current terms of elective offices, including theirs, during the transition to the parliamentary form of government that is expected to be approved. This seems to be the most attractive inducement for the revision of the Constitution by Congress and not a constitutional convention.

The Constitution of 1935 was revised by the Constitutional Convention of 1971. The Constitution of 1973 was changed several times during martial law but always by legislative action. That constitution was drastically revised by the appointive Constitutional Commission of 1986. The Constitution of 1987 is now proposed to be revised by converting Congress into a constituent assembly under House Concurrent Resolution No. 16. If the Senate agrees, Congress will be acting in a dual capacity as a legislative body and as a constituent assembly.

If Congress cannot even cope with its legislative work, including the decision of legislative inquiries like the Lacson case, how can it expect to function effectively in undertaking the revision? It will probably—nay, certainly—come up with half-baked legislation and a half-baked Constitution.

For all its merits, the Constitution of 1987 needs to be revised, not necessarily to install a new form of government but to remove the chaff from the grain and make it a more acceptable document. But I believe this should be done not by the self-seeking members of Congress but by a specially trained and more objective Constitutional Convention.

## Bishop Ted and 'Bot'

**Get Real**

*Solita Collas-Monsod*

WHEN you get down to it, the question boils down to one of credibility. There were no witnesses to the incident. It is her word against his. So who is one to believe—the 63-year-old prelate, or the 34-year-old office worker? The bishop or the secretary? Teodoro Bacani or Frances Elaine "Bot" Ventura?

Interest in the case has been overwhelming not only because Bishop Ted is high-profile (he is arguably one of the most well-known princes of the Church) but also because the matter comes on the heels of another scandal that rocked the Church, involving another bishop, Tom Yalung, who apparently maintained a mistress and sired one child with her, with another on the way.

From the news reports, there is only one thing Bishop Ted and Bot seem to agree on: on March 26, an incident occurred in the bishop's office (which was in his temporary residence), involving an embrace between them. After that, the versions diverge dramatically.

The bishop's version is that Bot initiated the thank-you hug, and he hugged her back. Nothing out of the ordinary, as he is a demonstrative person. Windows and door were open, making it a very public place, certainly not conducive to illicit acts.

Bot's version is that the hug was initiated by the bishop, and was definitely more than just innocent affection, because it was accompanied by what would be vulgarly called "groping."

What complicates matters is that the published information do not come directly from either of them, but from "sources"—people that they presumably had confided in. I talked to some of those sources—persons very close to one or the other party. While there is nothing like getting it straight from the horse's mouth, as it were, it is the best I could do under the circumstances, since Bot is "in hiding" and Bacani is abroad. Allow me to share what I found.

Bot apparently phoned a co-worker immediately after the incident to tell the story, the bishop having left for another appointment. A sister, with whom she had a date that afternoon, was next to hear the tale. She also told some close friends, other co-workers and then her mother, all of whom she swore to secrecy. Lawyers were called in for advice, and they laid out two options: she could either file charges with civil authorities, or with church authorities. She chose the latter, which meant going to the Papal Nuncio, because, I was told, all she wanted was for the bishop to resign "so that he would no longer be in a position to victimize others." She is now unavailable for two reasons: (1) she was sworn to secrecy (presumably by the Nuncio) until her case was decided on by the Vatican; and (2) there is a fear that some over-enthusiastic supporters of Bacani might want to harm her.

Bishop Ted did comment about the case over the radio (Veritas) but even then, he was very circumspect, essentially warning people not to be quick to believe the stories. And then it looks like he was also muzzled. My sources say that: (1) he is totally at a loss as to how those charges came about; (2) that he wanted an open investigation, so that he would have a chance to face his accuser, but was "strongly advised" against it; (3) he did not want to leave the country (his trip to the United States was scheduled for a later date), but was "strongly advised" to do so; and (4) he crossed out the word "inappropriate" in the draft letter for his signature, but the word was put back in, and he was "strongly advised" to sign it anyway. The "strong advice" came from advisers that included the Nuncio.

I am also told that what saddens him is that his brother bishops don't seem to be as enthusiastic in their support as the priests who have worked with him. And that the Nuncio seems to have rushed to judgment against him. But for Mother Church, no sacrifice is too great.

We all know who Bishop Ted is, starting from when he first came to the public eye in the fight against the dictatorship, his membership in the Constitutional Commission of 1987, his crusade against the death penalty, his ministering to the El Shaddai, his views on issues of current interest. He is not afraid to take a stand, and therefore has his share of critics. He is (or was, until this scandal broke out) considered one of those in line to succeed Jaime Cardinal Sin.

Who is Frances Elaine or Bot? She is single, the second of five children of Zeny and Rudy Ventura. He is a book-binder; she an active parish church worker at the Holy Family Parish in Quezon City until they moved to Valenzuela. She is petite (about five feet), described as "not pretty, but not ugly either," and likes to wear *maong*. She lives separately from her parents (her mother sent her "out of the house" after a disagreement, but it was her grandmother's house, so she just changed rooms, and then did not move to Valenzuela), but is supposed to be the most "*matino*" of the children.

Ironically, it was a cousin of Bishop Ted, also a parish worker whose daughter worked for the bishop, who told Bot, then jobless, that her daughter was migrating and there might be a job opening. The rest, as they say, is history.

The connection between the Bacanis and the Venturas became closer when Bot's sister got into trouble with the law and the bishop asked his lawyer-brother to help.

But that connection is now broken. Zeny Ventura now asserts that Bishop Ted is "*sinungaling*" and "*walang konsensya*."

Who do you believe?

# What's with Abalos?

## POLITICAL TIDBITS

*Belinda Olivares-Cunanan*

WITH LESS than a year before the next local elections, the Supreme Court is being asked to rule in favor of justice and fairness in a case involving the 2001 mayoralty race in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija. Second-term Mayor Sonia Ramoso Lorenzo of the Nationalist People's Coalition is a multi-awarded mayor whose pilot projects in agrarian reform and Pabahay sa-Magsasaka are being funded by various government and multilateral agencies and replicated around the country. But now she is in big trouble, the object of a torpedo operation by the Comelec which has set aside due process.

Lorenzo has filed an urgent motion for certiorari with the Supreme Court to stop the Comelec from canvassing the 2001 election returns and proclaiming her rival Nestor Magno. A decision is expected next week.

Last October 2002, the Court threw out Magno's petition to annul Lorenzo's proclamation on the ground that his election protest was no longer "timely" as it went beyond the 10-day period for protest. The problem arose from the fact that Magno was disqualified by the Comelec shortly before the elections on account of his conviction on four counts of direct bribery by the Sandiganbayan. With him disqualified, the Comelec en banc proclaimed Lorenzo mayor, and the Court's decision in effect upheld it. But apparently some final things are not so final. Two years later, Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos seems bent on installing Magno.

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**This is another one of those Abalos "unexplainables." First, he threw out the May 13, 2003 en banc decision of the Comelec ordering a recount of the ballots cast at the precinct level, and unilaterally ordered the canvassing of Magno's votes at the municipal level. But later, he revoked it and ordered the municipal board of canvassers to canvass the returns and "immediately proclaim" the winning candidate for mayor (canvassing is scheduled to start on Monday unless the SC stops it). As Lorenzo's lawyer, Jose Ventura Aspiras, put it, even the SC allots 15 days for its decisions to take effect, but the Comelec is not doing that. Every step of the way Lorenzo filed a motion for reconsideration but this was ignored.**

**With Lorenzo's proclamation still in force, the townspeople are in an uproar over the Comelec's confusing actions. There are rumors that Abalos is acting on Malacañang's orders, but I personally doubt that it would be a party to such a blatant injustice, especially since the President has seen the success of the San Isidro projects. Let's hope the Supreme Court will render swift justice in this case.**

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Listening to ex-President Cory Aquino, Howard Dee, Archbishop Orlando Quevedo and other leaders of Tabang Mindanaw speak of the "sanctuaries for peace" in Mindanao, I was reminded of the TV war series "Band of Brothers" which showed how the Allied Forces won back Europe during World War II virtually inch by inch. Dee and Quevedo pointed out that the "sanctuaries for peace" now in 42 villages in Maguindanao, Cotabato and Lanao del Sur have succeeded in getting the military and the MILF to agree to stay away—in effect preserving a de facto ceasefire there. Yesterday the 43rd sanctuary was inaugurated in Barangay Inug-Ug, Pagalungan, Maguindanao, with GMA and other leaders in attendance. Listening to the proponents, I realized that peace may have to be won inch by inch too, in Mindanao.

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**The greater task is how to rebuild and rehabilitate the war-torn communities, for as Cory Aquino noted, even at the relief-assistance level it seems to be a "bottomless pit." Tabang Mindanaw estimates that rehabilitating the communities affected by the recent conflict would take at least two and a half years at a cost of about P20 million to P30 million. Thus, it's far more sensible to negotiate for peace, so that the tremendous costs of war can be channeled building up Mindanao so it will stop to be merely the "land of promise."**

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The laudable Mothers for Peace campaign set up by Mindanao civic leaders such as Inday M. Santiago, a member of the government peace panel, and Margie Moran-Floirendo seeks to harness mothers from various faiths and walks of life to campaign for the return of the Mindanao protagonists to the negotiating table. Its belief is that no one craves for peace more than the moms. One of their projects is setting up a monitoring system called "Bantay Kalinaw, in strategic areas where the public is asked to report suspicious movements to any radio station of Radio Mindanao Network, which will be linked to a call center to ensure quick response from the authorities.

Santiago is especially nervous that with both sides in the conflict indicating a willingness to resume peace talks, there could be saboteurs. This is happening in the Middle East right now, with both the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers unable to control radical elements among their respective peoples, thus endangering the road map to peace.

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**I proposed to the Mothers for Peace organizers that they involve the soldiers' widows, who are among those directly affected by the conflict. We at the Alay sa Kawal Foundation have financially helped close to 4,000 widows or parents who lost either soldier-husbands or soldier-sons in combat. The tragedy is that many of the widows are so young and have limited education, but they have two or three young children to support.**

**In this connection, former Public Works Secretary Vicente Jayme recalled how MNLF commanders in the early 1990s had overruled their chieftain Nur Misuari. The MNLF chief wanted the "political question" settled first before any rehabilitation could be considered, but the commanders insisted that rehabilitation efforts that would benefit the communities, such as the water system, were just as important. Pressure from the families could truly touch the combatants.**

# Time for a Democratic Pacific Union

## COMMENTARY

*Dr. Jaw-Ling Joanne Chang*

SINCE the beginning of history, human destiny and oceans have been intimately linked. The largest and deepest ocean, the Pacific, covers more than a third of the earth's surface. The countries of the Pacific region all together represent more than half of the world's economic output.

The Pacific Ocean is fast becoming the dynamic powerhouse in the world economy, yet increased trade and communications across the region do not translate into a reduced threat to the lives and wealth of its collective citizenry.

While most of the countries in the Pacific region have overturned authoritarian or military regimes and espoused political liberty, the democratic development of several other countries is not yet on the right track. Fifteen out of 39 countries in Asia are not democratic, and four out of only five remaining Communist regimes are also Asian countries.

In order to create a new path for democracy and for sustainable development, we must continue promoting democratic experiences in the region and strengthening oceanic values and high technologies. We sincerely hope that the new Pacific will veer away from the previous path of military confrontation and power competition.

Regional integration is a rising trend in today's world. Over the past decades the European Union has developed into a well-established political community committed to the promotion of democracy, economic prosperity and the rule of law.

Due to past rivalries and cultural diversities among Pacific states, the establishment of a Pacific version of the European Union has long been considered utopian, but leaders of the region have begun to express concerns about the lack of a regional political or security mechanism dealing with the issues affecting the common interests of Pacific states.

The outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), AIDS and terrorist activities have been a timely reminder that further cooperation to combat deadly diseases and terrorism is desperately needed .

Taiwan is centrally located in Southeast and Northeast Asia. It controls the passage of 400 international vessels through the Taiwan Strait every day. Indeed, Taiwan is an ocean state. Taiwan's economic miracle is well known. It is the world's 14th largest trading country and sixth largest capital exporter, and its per capita GNP ranks 25th. It has the world's third largest foreign exchange reserves of $166 billion in 2003. Taiwan strives to upgrade its research and development as well as its human resources in order to sustain economic growth.

In addition, Taiwan has become a full-fledged democracy. On May 20, 2000, Taiwan saw its first transfer of power between political parties through a mature and democratic process.

Vice President Annett Lu has pointed out that the Taiwanese people have utilized five soft powers over the past half century to nurture their homeland—human rights, democracy, peace, love and high technology—and these five powers have given birth to the "Taiwan Miracle." These soft powers are different from conventional hard power, the concept based on exploitative materialism and aggressive militarism.

Using the "Taiwan Experience, Soft Miracle" as an example, Taiwan can serve as a facilitator of the new civilization of the Pacific Ocean in the 21st century, and enable soft power to become the universal value of the region.

To come to terms with the common problems now faced by the Pacific community, prominent academic institutions and NGOs in Taiwan and abroad are co-sponsoring a Democratic Pacific Assembly (DPA), an international conference to be held in Taipei from Sept. 19 to 21, 2003. The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for regional leaders to discuss issues of importance to the Pacific Rim's future: sustainable development, democratic development and human security.

In addition to the Asia-Pacific countries, the Pacific Rim should include countries in North America, Central America and the west coast of Latin America. Taiwan is committed to bring countries along both the western and eastern shores of the Pacific together to discuss the common challenges of the 21st century. The solutions will depend on a spirit of cooperation and coordination among all Pacific countries for which human security and democratic values are key concepts.

Together we can integrate our resources and information to establish an international network—the Democratic Pacific Union—to further consolidate democratic values, foster economic development and protect the lives and rights of everyone in the Pacific Region. Democracy is an indispensable condition for the development, prosperity and peace of the Pacific. The Democratic Pacific Union, a non-government organization, aims to enhance greater cooperation among established and emerging democracies in the Pacific Region.

As an old Chinese saying states, "Tall buildings start from the ground." World peace may only be an ideal, but the Democratic Pacific Union can become a common cause for all democratic peoples in the Pacific Region. It is also a great cause for the people of Taiwan as they explore their future.

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# Readers react

## SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

*Bambi L. Harper*

AS an OFW in South Korea for almost five years, Bro. Nel Dizon expresses a familiar frustration: "I feel that we were betrayed not only by the Spaniards, Americans and Japanese; the most painful of it is that we are being betrayed by our fellow Filipino citizens. It is ridiculous to spend P19 million out of your own pocket for a senatorial campaign and receive a monthly salary of P35,000 (if elected) for a six-year term."

(Well, we know who Brother Dizon won't be voting for.)

Dr. Fernando Zialcita of the Ateneo comments on the plan to massacre the trees of Katipunan: "(1) Could it be that at the heart of these savage attacks against both the natural and built environments is a gender issue? Being macho is equated with killing. Nurturing the environment seems feminine. (By coincidence, 90 percent of those who attended the rally this morning were women!) How then do we touch a self-proclaimed macho's heart?

"Against the assertion that trees cause flooding (???!!!) and that we should allow the water to run to the sea (???!!!) our environmental experts should make their voices heard to the government and to the *masa*!"

(This is what "Hero" Fernando actually said, "Trees planted in the city can aggravate flooding," he said. Fernando explained that trees attracted rain and their roots prevented floodwater from running off. "In the city, you don't want to hold the water. You want it to flow as fast as possible to the sea," he said. First time I heard such a theory, but anyway, you know what they say about being born ugly. It can always be corrected by surgery. The other problem has no hope).

Mr. Robert Manasan offers his solution: "Maybe it is better that the mayors pave the whole country with asphalt or concrete so that a major tsunami can sweep everyone into the Pacific Ocean or fry them all during one super hot summer day and then start all over again like Noah."

Then we have Mr. Vicente de Jesus on the controversial Mazaua-Limasaw landing site of Magellan: "Mafra, who went to Mazaua twice and wrote his account after his second visit, gives us a more precise clue that will support Butuan's claim: Mazaua is 45 n.m. below Butuan. This testimony tells us Butuan of 1521 was not Mazaua. But where or what was Butuan of the Age of Discovery? Pigafetta's map of Mindanao suggests 16th century Butuan was today's Surigao. This notion is corroborated by the logbook entry of Pierres Plin (Plun), French pilot in the Legazpi expedition, who states: 'We passed between Panae [present-day Panaon] and the cabeza of Butuan four leguas [12 n.m.] from one island to the other.' Panaon and Surigao are separated by 11 n.m., short by just 1 n.m. The gap separating Panaon and today's Butuan is 58 n.m. Again, Plin says the distance between Cabalian [today's San Juan] and Butuan was 7 legues or 28 n.m. Cabalian is 78 n.m. away from Butuan City.

"Mafra's port would be located at the Genoese Pilot's latitude 90 N, mystifyingly in present-day Butuan. In a convoluted way, Mafra's Mazaua is in Ramusio's erroneous Butuan.

"Assuming Mafra pinpointed 90 N as the correct location of Mazaua, we hypothesized a lost isle could be found at that latitude. In 2001, a team of geomorphologists, geologists and archaeologists undertook a geomorphological-archaeological study. The team stumbled upon an improbable discovery: an isle existed at 90 N and is now fused with mainland Butuan. Today the isle consists of the Pinamanculan-Dalinding an karstic landscape. This finding put to rest the notion, widely held in Butuan, that the isle is today's Masao, a spit that until recently was in fact a mangrove.

"It is no mere coincidence that the word 'masawa' is found in only one language, Butuanon. It means bright light. Magellan's fleet was drawn to Mazaua by the fire in the isle that broke the total darkness of the night of March 28, 1521."

And finally we have Domingo Tambuatco in Roswell, GA remembering that, "As a child my mother used to take us to the Manila Botanical Garden near the old Metropolitan Theater Bldg. beside the Quezon Bridge (if I remember right). You are absolutely correct that it is a dire shame that our children will never have the opportunity and experience to see and touch the flora that the Lord has bestowed on our land."

He believes (erroneously I must add) that I "can get the support not only of the Manila City government but also of our concerned citizens to rally behind such a well-deserving project. You can generate a groundswell that would support such a worthy cause. I believe our President would be most willing to put her endorsement into this. I believe most businessmen, local and foreign, would gladly stand with you to support such a project. I believe and I am sure the Los Baños (UP College of Agriculture) people would be most willing to provide the necessary seedlings and technical support."

(I am truly sorry to disappoint Mr. Tambuatco but even if Dr. Domingo Madulid of the Botany Division of the National Museum and the rest of the National Museum staff would be willing to restore it, no one will bother to rally to such a cause. They have other priorities, as one senator answered. Elections and more elections, I presume. Bear in mind that there is no money in parks or botanical gardens but there's a lot in construction and cement.)

# Healing processes

## YOUNG BLOOD

*April Umali*

*We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.*—**Ed.**

I MET him when I was 16, and in two months, I was deep into my first "real" relationship. He was sweet, romantic, full of surprises, thoughtful. And more importantly for me at that time, he was handsome and intelligent. Almost perfect.

The fairy tale lasted four years, until things went from bad to worse. The last eight months of our relationship was World War II. Our daily fights often turned into violent quarrels. I ended the relationship when I realized that my self-esteem was just a notch above zero.

Several months after the break-up, I was still hoping we could be together again, even blaming myself for everything. And then I heard a story I never thought I would live to hear: he was having an affair all through the years that we were together. And with a girl I knew. She came before me, and after we broke up, she was still there.

I had a "bad" feeling about them, but never the jealous type, I didn't entertain any doubts. Never mind if her name always came up in conversations or that he would compare me with her sometimes. The reality was a shock. I was deeply hurt by his betrayal. But I refused to see myself as the victim. At least I was not married to him. It was a good thing I found out before it was too late.

But healing is never easy. Still I found some "healing processes" that worked.

First is **unload.** Women have a need to unburden themselves to other women and it really helps. I gathered my best friends and simply told them everything. Hearing them say "He's good for nothing" and "It's his loss" actually felt good.

When someone asked me, I talked about it. I shared my experience with other people who came to me for advice about similar problems. It felt good that they actually listened. I realized I had many friends, and that what had happened to me happened to a lot of people.

And when I thought I was already bordering on sincerely opening up and sounding bitter, I stopped talking. Still the unloading didn't end there. I cried sometimes, felt bad sometimes, hated men sometimes. But always, there was a way to unburden myself of that heavy load. Like a pint of pistachio ice cream.

Next, **be a child.** I played in the rain. Walked barefoot. Ate cotton candy. Blew bubbles. Surrounded myself with nice things, like wind chimes and glow-in-the-dark butterflies. I went to the province and re-lived my childhood memories. I tagged along with my mom. Read my old diary. I did anything that I had always wanted to do but never did for fear of being branded childish.

Then, **stop, look and listen.** I learned to stop a while to examine my feelings. After a long and serious relationship, I discovered that most of what I had become was a product of that relationship. Common friends, common hangouts, same likes and dislikes. Almost everywhere, I saw people, places and things that reminded me of him. At first I tried to ignore them, sometimes even directly snubbing people we both knew. But then I realized that I had to accept that these people and things had become a part of me.

But there were things I could do without. The gifts he gave me, the roses I meticulously preserved, the cards, the joint account, the toothbrush we shared. I threw them all away.

I listened to my heart. I discovered a beautiful life ahead of me. A future full of promise and hope that someday, someone will come along.

Finally, **think deep.** I went to a church right after the break-up. I just sat there, then kneeled and prayed. I gave all my worries to God. Then I started thinking deeper than I used to: A street child who was once an eyesore to me became a real person with needs and feelings. The usual sunrise became a glorious welcome to a new day, and the moonlight became a blessing from heaven.

I thought about my existence. I realized that after three generations, nobody would ever know I even existed. I started doing things that would make other people remember me. I gave flowers to sick people, visited orphanages, joined ministry groups, listened more closely, felt more sincerely. I began to see beyond myself. That was when I saw how blessed I am to be a complete, normal person. I appreciated life more.

He's married now and I heard he has a baby girl. Honestly, I'm happy for him. And I thank him for everything I have become. Even if he once broke my heart.

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## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . .?

### *Case of 'Marimar'*

THE MEXICAN telenovela "Marimar" was a hit in the country in the mid-1990s. Filipinos just could not have enough of Thalia, the lead actress, and four producers decided to create a movie out of it.

The movie was released in October 1996, but a joint-venture agreement among Solar Team Entertainment (STE), Radio Philippines Network (RPN 9), Team Image Entertainment (TIE) and Solar Entertainment Corp. (SEC) was executed only in January 1997. In the agreement, STE conceived the plan to release the telenovela as a movie. RPN 9, as the owner of the television rights to the telenovela, agreed to secure from the foreign producers the right to exhibit the program in theaters. TIE would handle marketing, and SEC would transfer the videotapes into movie reels. STE, TIE and SEC also agreed to share the expenses for dubbing, transfer, advertising promotions and other operating costs.

Solar Films Inc. (SFI) was appointed as the exclusive distributor of the movie for a 15-percent releasing fee from the gross film share. The income after deducting the releasing fee was to be divided equally among the contracting parties.

On Aug. 13, 2002, a complaint for estafa was filed against Wilson, William, Aida, Lucia and Willy Tieng, all officers and directors of SFI, before Judge Tranquil Salvador of the Makati City Regional Trial Court. The representatives of TIE alleged that they did not receive their P5-million share of the profits.

The defendants, however, contended that only SFI, SEC and STE put in money for capital expenses while TIE did not and should therefore not have a share of the profits. They also claimed that TIE did not perform its undertaking under the contract.

On Dec. 26 the case against William, Aida, Lucia and Willy was dismissed. The judge said there was nothing in the complaint to show their participation in the commission of the offense. However, the case against Wilson prospered because he was the responsible officer who acted for the corporation when he signed the agreement.

On Jan. 10, 2003, Wilson filed a motion for reconsideration asking the court to dismiss the case against him. On Jan. 22, the prosecution also asked for a reconsideration of the dismissal of the case against the other accused.

**Case status:** The judge has yet to resolve both motions. The next hearing is scheduled on June 27.

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# New school year, same woes

THE NEW school year formally begins on June 16 in thousands of schools throughout the country. And as sure as the sun rises in the east, the public school system, with a workforce of 525,000 teachers, will again be saddled with the same problems.

The country's educational system is beset with such problems as lack of teachers, insufficient books and instructional materials, a dearth of decent and well-maintained classrooms conducive to learning, and lack of chairs and desks.

Add to this list the problems and difficulties encountered by school officials, supervisors, principals and classroom teachers in the implementation of the controversial Restructured Basic Education Curriculum (RBEC) which was pilot-tested nationwide last school year.

Why do these problems persist despite the constitutional provision saying, "The State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment"?

One reason is the inadequate funding given to education. Although the Department of Education gets the biggest slice in the appropriation pie, the amount is still not enough and a huge cut is still allocated for the payment of our foreign debt.

Another problem is the lack of items for new teachers and returning ones. This school year, the situation is worse without even one vacancy available for applicants. In the National Capital Region alone, a total of 8,050 new professional teachers took their oath after passing the 2002 Licensure Examination for Teachers. They are waiting to be called but very few items are available and these are the ones vacated by those who retired or sought employment abroad.

Many teachers who have been working as domestic helpers abroad, want to return to teach in public schools. According to Lolita C. Brana, president of the Hong Kong chapter of the National Organization of Professional Teachers Inc., many teachers have been coming back to teach in Philippine public schools under the DepEd's Balik-Turo program.

Another perennial headache is the lack of classrooms, especially in the provinces and in some places in the metropolis where informal settlers or squatters abound. In Quezon City, for instance, this problem is most felt in Payatas, Lupang Pangako, Batasan Hills and Commonwealth areas.

So, what else is new?

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

## Separation pay was no quit claim

ALLOW me to react to Ramon Tulfo's column item last June 7, 2003 claiming that I had accepted separation pay as quit claim for the P5 million I am demanding from Antonio Cabangon-Chua.

The so-called separation pay consists of P150,000—P50,000 representing unpaid salary for the two weeks I was confined at the hospital after I collapsed due to overwork at the Graphic and during which Cabangon-Chua never bothered to visit me, and P100,000 representing separation pay of one month for a year of service. I was the publisher and editorial director from May 2001 to July 2002.

The P150,000 is a paltry 3 percent of my P5 million claim against Cabangon-Chua. The P5 million represents unpaid benefits (including 13th month pay) and my share of the Graphic's advertising and circulation revenue. Cabangon-Chua signed three times the agreement with me on this revenue sharing as compensation for my turning around the Graphic which was losing money for 12 consecutive years, with cumulative losses of P37 million until I came in.

Only a stupid person would think that P150,000 constitutes a quit claim for P5 million. The Commission on Appointments was kind enough to suspend the rules to hear my sworn testimony. Cabangon-Chua got away on a technicality. I was a day late in filing my complaint.

But why is Tulfo, my former business reporter in The Times Journal, defending Cabangon-Chua? Is it because he is a recipient of Cabangon-Chua's misplaced generosity? I know for a fact that Tulfo and Cabangon-Chua recently went on an all-expenses paid trip to Hong Kong to swing a gambling deal.

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## No rally was ever held against Bacani

THE NEWSBREAK editors insist that a rally was held against Bishop Teodoro Bacani some time ago. Will Newsbreak please name its source, or sources? That bit of editorial "fact" could diminish the veracity of its lengthy disclosure about the sexual harassment case. I challenge its claim.

In all my 45 years of stay in the Paco parish, I swear that no rally ever took place against the bishop.

On the contrary, on the day Bishop Bacani was to leave for his new post in Caloocan, everyone but everyone—families, sidewalk vendors, pupils at the Paco Catholic Church, teachers, parish organization members—turned up en masse to bid him goodbye. All were teary-eyed and sad. When it was time for the bishop to go, the crowd boarded the cars, buses, jeepneys standing by to form the long convoy that would accompany their well-loved parish priest to Caloocan.

I should know. I was part of the convoy.

Newsbreak must have been confused by another "rally" held in the evening for the new parish priest, Msgr. Domingo Cirilos, who was to be installed on Jan. 20, 1996. A group of squatter families had assembled outside the church gates to protest an incident that took place the afternoon before. A little boy had been accidentally doused with a water hose being handled by the monsignor who was helping to clean up the courtyard. The boy's parents took offense over the unintended drenching and the whole incident was blown out of proportion by the aggrieved parents and neighbors who showed up the following evening to protest the incident. The police and the barangay tanod were called in to disperse the crowd so that the installation ceremonies could start.

The bishop was no longer in the parish when this happened having transferred to Caloocan, accompanied by his "convoy" four days earlier on Jan. 16.

So there!

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## Other side of Katipunan controversy

THIS is in reaction to Rainier Ibaña's letter to the editor published last June 11. His observation is a keen one, and his call for a dialogue regarding the balling of trees on Katipunan Avenue does have its justifications. However, I firmly believe that this is exactly the kind of thinking that will eventually lead the Philippines into anarchy.

People who share this kind of thinking fail to realize the gravity of their request. If every community, every individual refuses to acknowledge the responsibility of the government and its rightful agents to perform their duties and instead demand to have an input in every situation, why bother to have a government at all? I shudder to think about what a Japanese tourist once observed. Satisfaction, he said, seems to be a word that is not in the vocabulary of the Filipino people.

This issue should have been resolved if not for the holier-than-thou attitude of Miriam College and Ateneo (and some hoity-toity Katipuneros) who took it upon themselves to be the guardians of what they consider to be their concern.

As for Ibaña, he said he went to get his camera to document the removal a talisay tree. If he felt so strongly about it, he should just have hugged the tree as Greenpeace members or some other environmentalists would have done. What could his camera do? Document the removal of the tree? Would it have saved the tree? No. It's not unlike documenting a murder.

Let us face it. It is all right to be noisy because there is safety in numbers. But I would have been more impressed if he had confronted the people removing the tree man to man.

At the end of the day, all Ibaña and other Katipuneros against the Metro Manila Development Authority have done was waste their precious saliva. *Lagi na lang ba sila dapat masunod?* What about us who traverse that stretch of road daily and get struck in traffic? *Puro kayo. Paano naman kami?*

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## Middle East road map littered with bodies

### NEWS ANALYSIS

*Mark Heinrich*

JERUSALEM—On one side is an Israeli prime minister who is popular among his people for being hard-nosed. On the other is a Palestinian premier who is unpopular among his people for seemingly being soft. In the middle is a US-backed Middle East plan requiring the two men put aside decades of deadly acrimony between their two peoples for the common cause of peace.

But just eight days after the plan leading toward a Palestinian state and security for Israel was formally launched in Aqaba, Jordan, the so-called road map is littered with bodies—casualties of Israeli missiles and Palestinian bombs.

"Events this week exposed the optimism awakened by Aqaba as brittle and superficial. (Israeli Prime Minister Ariel) Sharon has shored up his flanks and Hamas' retaliation has reinforced Israelis' sense of despair and hopelessness about any peace track," said a senior European diplomat.

Palestinian political analyst Ali Jarbawi said Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas has been stymied before he could even begin implementing measures agreed at the June 4 summit. "He has been blindsided by the interlocking violence of the Israeli right and Hamas, and by Sharon's refusal to lift the closure, stop the incursions and the assassinations. If the US does not intervene strongly and quickly, the road map is dead," he said.

Sharon drew accusations of bad judgment from his public and a rare rebuke from staunch ally the United States after his forces attempted to assassinate Hamas senior spokesperson Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi on Tuesday, just days after embracing the "road map" hinging on mutual goodwill steps.

But when a Hamas militant killed 16 Jerusalem bus passengers in a suicide bombing a day later, the Israeli public pendulum swung back to cynicism about peace and eclipsed momentary doubt about Sharon's sledgehammer approach to Palestinian "terrorism."

Ensuing Israeli missile barrages against militants in Gaza City in which 18 Palestinians, 13 of them civilians, were killed, were taken in stride by Israelis hardened by 32 months of Palestinian violence against occupation.

"The very potential for peace has not sunk in enough with the Israeli public to restrain Sharon, whose decision to hit the (Hamas leader) seemed intended to see off rightist critics in his cabinet and party about his decision to accept a peace plan requiring a Palestinian state," said the European diplomat.

Israel's attempt to assassinate Rantissi and the killing of Palestinian civilians in missile strikes also compound Abbas' struggle to persuade his people of the wisdom of negotiation over bloodshed and deepen the Palestinian leader's isolation.

Abbas has tried to coax a truce from militant groups but has been hampered by Israel's reluctance to ease an army clampdown on Palestinian cities meant to thwart suicide bombers but which has radicalized many Palestinians who are unable to work or travel.

"Abu Mazen's (reformist) government hasn't got off the ground because it can't convince the public to place a stake in the road map," said Jarbawi.

In comments that reflect some dissent in the security services and Israeli media, a senior Israeli security source said: "Israel, it seems, still has not internalized just how jarring targeted prevention (assassinations) is for Palestinian society. Hamas needs public support to thrive, and such Israel actions—especially when there are innocent casualties involved—deliver just that."

An Israeli opinion poll released after the assassination bid showed 56 percent deemed the timing justified, given that Hamas and two partner groups had killed four soldiers in a Gaza ambush two days before. That poll, coupled with Sharon's hawkish majority in parliament bred by anger over suicide bombings and a personal popularity unequalled by an Israeli leader for decades, ensured his tough policies will remain paramount, analysts said.

"He is the uncontested leader of his party and commands generally strong public support for his policies as he shifts toward the center. Sharon can basically do what he wants," political analyst Gadi Wolfsfeld said.

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# The WORLD

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# 7 killed as Israel vows war on Hamas

**GAZA—An Israeli missile strike in the Gaza Strip on Thursday killed seven people, including a senior Hamas militant, his wife and one-year-old daughter, amid a surge in violence that raised concern about US-led peace efforts.**

In separate incidents near the West Bank city of Jenin, Palestinian gunmen shot and killed an Israeli and soldiers shot dead two Palestinian militants, military sources said.

The violence, which brought to 37 the number of people killed in two days of bloodshed, led US President George W. Bush to dispatch a veteran US diplomat to Israel and Secretary of State Colin Powell to a summit of international peacemakers.

Helicopters fired six missiles into Gaza City on Thursday, reducing a Subaru car to charred metal and injuring more than 40 bystanders, witnesses said.

Palestinians and the army identified the dead militant as Yasser Taha, a senior member of Hamas' military wing wanted by Israel. Palestinian sources said his wife and one-year-old daughter also died in the strike.

The army said Taha's family was killed by mistake. "We regret this incident and are investigating," an army spokesperson said.

Hamas vowed revenge. "These are killers of children, women, innocent people ... Let us wait and see who is going to destroy the other," said senior Hamas official Mahmoud al-Zahar.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon pledged at a Cabinet meeting to press ahead with attacks against Hamas. "The operations will continue," said an Israeli security official. "No one is immune."

The renewed violence put to test Bush's commitment to the "road map" to Middle East peace he promoted at a landmark summit in the Jordanian port of Aqaba last week.

Administration officials said Bush would send veteran diplomat John Wolf to Jerusalem as early as Saturday to lead an American team charged with monitoring the day-to-day process of the road map, which envisages a Palestinian state by 2005.

Powell, who called the foreign ministers of Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt on Thursday, will attend a meeting of the quartet of nations that drafted the road map on June 22.

Expected to be held in Amman, Jordan, the meeting will bring together the United Nations, Russia, and the European Union and could give Powell the chance to visit Israel and its Arab neighbors.

White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer on Thursday blamed the recent round of violence on Palestinian militants.

"The issue is not Israel, the issue is not the Palestinian Authority, the issue is the terrorists who are killing in an attempt to stop the (peace) process," he said. "The issue is Hamas, the terrorists are Hamas."

Thursday's missile strike came after Sharon called Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas "a chick without feathers" and Palestinian leaders "crybabies who let terror run rampant."

"We have to help him (Abbas) fight terror until his feathers grow," a source quoted Sharon telling his right-wing Cabinet.

Palestinian officials say Israeli military operations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have weakened Palestinian security forces and made it impossible for them to tackle militants. Reuters

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Ziad Abu Amr said the Israeli leader was "throwing out silly descriptions and silly allegations" to cover his failure to seek a diplomatic solution.

## *Annan calls for peacekeeping force*

JERUSALEM—UN Secretary General Kofi Annan called for the dispatch of an international peacekeeping force to stem the spiraling violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to an interview published here Friday.

Annan told the Israeli newspaper Haaretz that the intervention of US monitors to shepherd through President George W. Bush's "road map" for peace probably would not be enough to bring an immediate halt to the bloodshed.

"The monitoring mechanism that will be put in place next week is a beginning and it may be enough if the parties are able to break the cycle of violence," the UN chief said.

"In the interim I would like to see an armed peacekeeping force act as a buffer between the Israelis and Palestinians," he told Haaretz in New York.

He made his remarks as senior US diplomat John Wolf was expected in the Middle East to begin overseeing implementation of the roadmap launched at a June 4 summit convened by Bush in Aqaba, Jordan.

Prospects for peace have since been set back by an explosion of violence that has left more than 60 people dead, with Israel and the radical Palestinian group Hamas declaring all-out war on each other.

Annan said the international community had to back efforts by the new Palestinian prime minister, Mahmud Abbas, to try to end suicide bombings, such as the attack on a Jerusalem bus Wednesday that killed 17 Israelis.

The UN secretary general also disputed the decision by the United States and Israel to try to sideline Palestine leader Yasser Arafat from the peace process, saying he has "not been entirely negative."

*AFP*

# UN council renews US troop exemption from world court

UNITED NATIONS—The UN Security Council on Thursday renewed a one-year exemption for US peacekeeping troops from prosecution by the International Criminal Court, despite the opposition of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

A resolution to renew the exemption for states that have not ratified the ICC's founding statute for 12 months from July 1 was adopted by 12 votes to none. France, Germany and Syria abstained.

The deputy US ambassador, James Cunningham, welcomed the vote, but said "like any compromise, the resolution does not address all our concerns." Rejecting the claims of many speakers in an open debate which preceded the vote that the United States was seeking to put its nationals above the law, Cunningham declared that "the ICC is not the law" and described the court as "a fatally flawed institution." He repeated US government concerns that it could be used for politically motivated prosecutions.

The first speaker in the debate, Annan warned the council that it would undermine its own authority as well as that of the ICC if the exemption became "an annual routine."

Established under the 1998 Rome Statute, the ICC is the first permanent international court to try cases of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. The court's judges and prosecutor were appointed this year, but no case has yet been brought before it.

No soldier serving under the UN blue flag had ever been accused of an offence "anywhere near the kind of crimes that fall under the jurisdiction of the ICC," Annan said.

The resolution "deals not only with a hypothetical case, but with a highly improbable one," he said.

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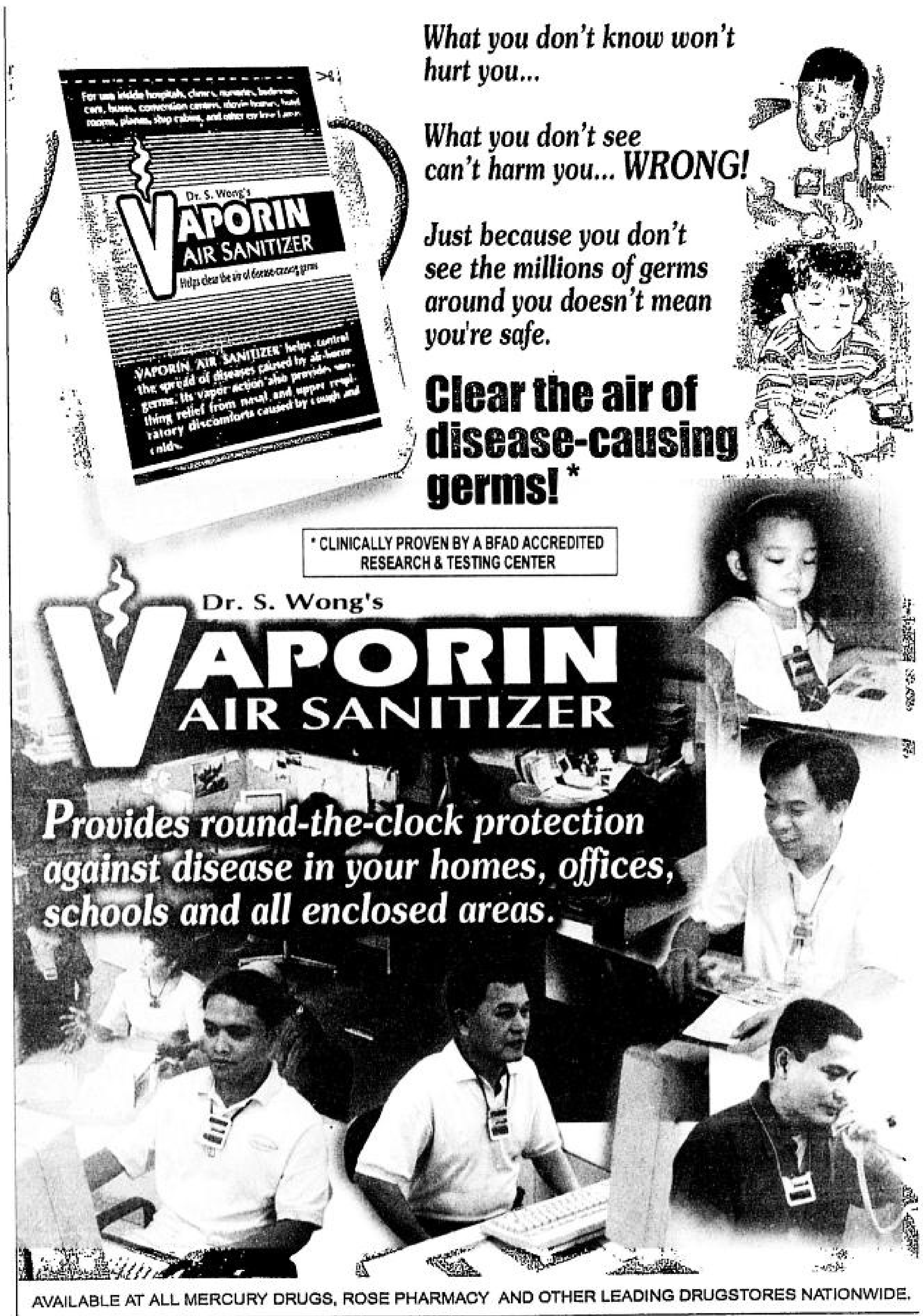
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# CIA rejects blame for faulty Iraq intel report

WASHINGTON—The CIA rejected any blame on Thursday for the use of a faulty intelligence report by President George W. Bush as he built his case for war against Iraq.

A spokesperson, Bill Harlow, voiced confidence that "a careful reading" of documents supplied to congressional oversight committees would show the spy agency "did not withhold information from appropriate officials" about Iraq's purported attempt to buy uranium in Niger.

The Central Intelligence Agency, he said, had shared hundreds of pages of material with the panels looking into charges, from lawmakers and others, that the administration and the intelligence community oversold the weapons threat to foster public support for ousting President Saddam Hussein.

The latest challenge to the CIA involved a claim in Bush's State of the Union address that Saddam had been trying to buy "significant quantities of uranium from Africa." Bush aides have given somewhat conflicting accounts of how this claim made it into the speech. White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer said intelligence officials declared the charge incorrect "as the information was received."

On Sunday, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said "someone may have known" the information was false 11 months before Bush's speech, but the White House believed it to be true at the time.

But she said the claim, attributed in the speech to the British government, was what "the intelligence community said we could say."

The uranium tale had been disputed by a CIA-directed mission to Niger early last year, the Washington Post reported in its Thursday edition.

The CIA did not pass on the results of this mission to the White House or other government officials, the Post reported, citing unnamed senior administration officials and a former government official.

Any such CIA failure to share fully what it knew would have helped keep the uranium story alive until the eve of the March invasion of Iraq.

The supposed uranium quest in Africa first surfaced in a now widely contested Sept. 24, 2002, report on Iraq released by British Prime Minister Tony Blair. The claim was quickly embraced by the Bush administration, though many mid-level intelligence officials knew it was bogus, several people with first-hand knowledge told Reuters.

"I remember being told to discount the information about uranium purchases in Africa in our own assessments of Iraq's nuclear weapons capabilities," said David Albright, a nuclear physicist and former UN nuclear weapons inspector in Iraq who heads the Washington-based Institute for Science and International Security.

He said he had been told the story was wrong in late September by people who had access to classified intelligence information.

The CIA declined comment on the Washington Post report, which said the spy agency sent a retired US ambassador to investigate in February 2002 the purported Iraqi bid to buy uranium in Niger.

After returning, the envoy reported to the CIA the uranium purchase attempt story was false, based on talks with Niger officials purportedly involved, said the Post.

Thirteen months later, on March 7, Mohamed El Baradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), told the Security Council his agency had reached the same conclusion and that the underlying documents were "not authentic," an assessment that US officials have not disputed. *Reuters*

## *Secret US Army unit scoured Iraq for banned arms, found nothing*

WASHINGTON—A covert, specialized army unit scoured Iraq for weapons of mass destruction, even before the US-led war, but has come up empty-handed, The Washington Post said Friday.

Drawn from the US Army's special mission units known as Delta Force, Task Force 20 "found no working nonconventional munitions, long-range missiles or missile parts, bulk stores of chemical or biological warfare agents or enrichment technology for the core of a nuclear weapon," said the daily.

Citing sources with firsthand knowledge of the unit's mission and others with access to its reports, the post said Task Force 20's sent "a stream of "initially promising reports" to a small group of Washington officials.

Those reports prompted US President George W. Bush and his senior national security advisers to feel optimistic about the eventual discovery of illegal weapons in Iraq, the military and intelligence sources in Washington and Baghdad told the daily.

Britain and the United States have come under increasing pressure to account for the lack of any proof of WMDs found so far in Iraq, before or after the coalition war in March and April that removed Saddam Hussein from power.

A proposed investigation by the US Senate into the apparent discrepancy between prewar US intelligence reports on Iraq's weapons programs—which motivated the war on Iraq—and the post-war reality was rejected earlier this week by the Republican majority in the upper house—Bush is a Republican.

Task Force 20's chief assignment is to "seize, destroy, render safe, capture, or recover weapons of mass destruction," according to a Special Operations mission statement obtained by The Washington Post.

In what is described as "far more important than that of the search teams operating in the open," the task force "staged raids ahead of the US and British ground advance to seize suspected caches of nonconventional arms, gathered hundreds of weapons samples and captured as many as half of the 'high value' weapons scientists and Baath Party leaders now in US custody, the daily said.

So far, military and intelligence sources told the daily, "the expectations are unfulfilled." The army unit is admired for its exploits, the sources told the daily. Among other missions, it was responsible for rescuing US army prisoner of war Jessica Lynch, captured Palestinian guerrilla leader Mohammed Abbas in Baghdad in mid-April and the Iraqi scientists nicknamed Mrs. Anthrax and Dr. Germ. *AFP*

## US vows to maintain its preeminence in nuclear arms

WASHINGTON—The United States will maintain its preeminence in nuclear weapons and could resume testing under certain circumstances, but it is not lowering the threshold for using atomic bombs, a key US official said on Thursday.

Linton Brooks, who heads the agency that maintains the US nuclear weapons stockpile, said the Bush administration has no current plans to end a decade-long moratorium on nuclear testing or develop new types of atomic arms.

Brooks defended administration proposals to allow research into possible new, low-yield nuclear weapons that could incinerate enemy biological weapons or destroy deeply buried bunkers, and into converting two existing larger bombs for use against underground targets.

The administration won congressional support for the measures in May. Lawmakers must work out differences between House of Representatives and Senate versions before final passage.

"We're not going to restart the arms race," Brooks, under secretary of energy for nuclear security and chief of the National Nuclear Security Administration, told a briefing with defense reporters.

He said he would recommend to President George W. Bush that nuclear testing be resumed if he learned of "a significant problem in an important weapon in the stockpile where I thought I needed testing to either confirm the problem or confirm that it had been fixed." He did not specify the nature of such a problem.

US lawmakers have backed a proposal to cut the time required before conducting a nuclear test from three years to 18 months. The United States has observed a nuclear testing moratorium since 1992.

"There is no condition in the stockpile that would call for a resumption in nuclear testing. I'm pretty sure that will be true next year and the year after that," Brooks added.

"But if there were a situation in which there were a problem with a significant weapon in the stockpile, then I think that it would be irresponsible not to test the weapon."

The Defense Department also said last month that with an aging US atomic stockpile, "there are scenarios that could cause the secretary (Donald Rumsfeld) to recommend that the US consider testing." The Pentagon said the average age of a bomb in the stockpile is about 20 years. *Reuters*

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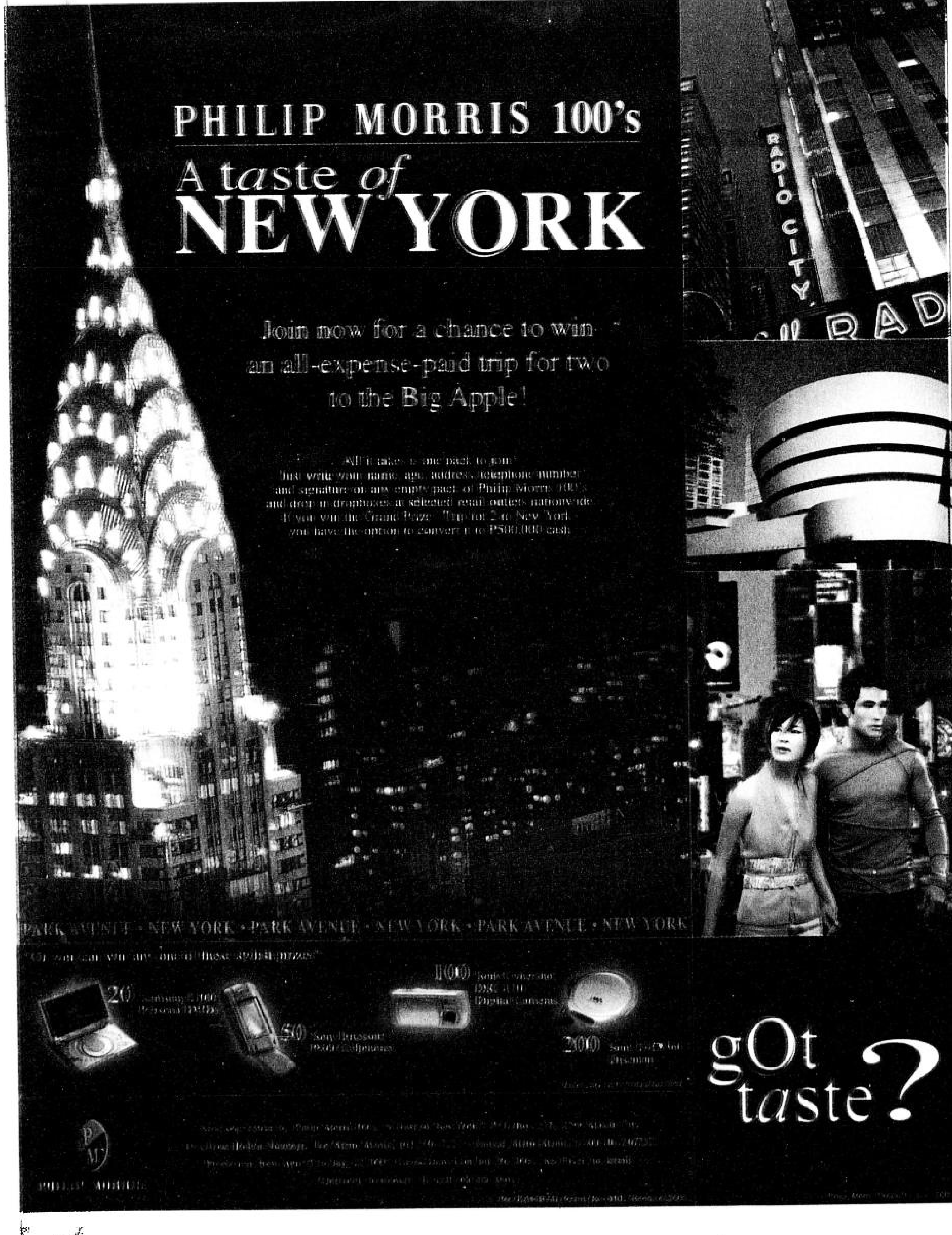
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PRINCE William poses for a photograph on the pier at St. Andrews Scotland, in this May 28, 2003 file photo, with the castle in the background. The prince is two years into a four-year history of art degree at the Scottish university city. AP

# 'US will punish Burma for Suu Kyi crackdown'

WASHINGTON—The United States said Thursday it had abandoned efforts to cajole Burma's military rulers into a dialogue with the opposition and would now act to punish Rangoon for its crackdown on Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi and her followers.

In addition, Secretary of State Colin Powell said he would push reluctant Southeast Asian nations to confront the junta with demands for democratic reforms when he attends a regional security meeting next week in Cambodia.

In the latest of a series of stinging, invective-filled US condemnations of the junta over the continued detention of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, Powell also backed a congressional move to impose trade and other sanctions against Rangoon.

"By attacking Aung San Suu Kyi and her supporters, the Burmese junta has finally and definitively rejected the efforts of the outside world to bring Burma back into the international community," he said.

Powell's comments, in a commentary in the Wall Street Journal, were published as he prepares to attend the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) Regional Forum on June 18 in Phnom Penh.

Asean, primarily an economic grouping to which Burma belongs, has traditionally shied away from what it believes are the internal affairs of its members but Powell said he would push the association for action in this case.

"I will press the case in Cambodia next week when I meet with the leaders of Southeast Asia, despite their traditional reticence to confront a member and neighbor of their association," he said.

Washington has already scored some success in that regard by convincing visiting Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra—whose country is also an Asean member—to join President George W. Bush on Tuesday in calling for Aung San Suu Kyi's release.

Rangoon responded on Thursday by insisting in statement that it was committed to democracy and would "work together with all the political forces in its effort for national reconciliation and democratization." Powell was unmoved and said the junta was backtracking on vows made to UN special envoy Razali Ismail to engage in dialogue with Aung San Suu Kyi and the opposition. *AFP*

# Prince William faces media scrutiny as 21st birthday nears

By Ed Johnson

LONDON—He prefers cider to beer, is teaching himself Swahili, and enjoys loafing in front of the television with friends.

Hardly earth shattering revelations, but as Prince William Arthur Philip Louis Windsor nears his 21st birthday, the British press is getting hungrier for any tidbit about the second in line to the throne.

Since the death of his mother, Princess Diana, he had been insulated from intense press coverage. But in a sign the rules may be changing with William coming of age June 21, British newspapers recently have been awash with stories about him, ending a self-imposed embargo on reporting on his private life.

The sensational headlines—trumpeting reports that he is dating a beautiful 20-year-old brunette and speculation that he plans to live in New York or has no intention of becoming king—prompted concern in royal circles that William will soon be hounded by the paparazzi that pursued his mother.

"In many ways the future of the monarchy in this country lies in the hands of these editors," said Bob Houston, publisher of Royalty magazine. "If William sees he has been harassed and harried, he is bound to be upset, and who knows what seeds it could plant in the lad's head."

## Rare interview

In an effort to sate the media's interest in "Wills"—to use the prince's nickname—the office of his father, Prince Charles, in St. James's Palace organized a rare interview last month with Press Association, the British national news agency.

The informal chat and photo session at St. Andrews University in Scotland, where William is studying for a degree in art history, revealed little. Nevertheless, snippets about his life as a student commanded several pages in most British newspapers.

Importantly, William used the interview to ask the press to respect his privacy.

"The media have been very good considering, I'm sure, how tantalizing it is having me up here ... and I hope that continues," William said.

Diana was the focus of intense media scrutiny and for almost 20 years was never far from the front pages.

In a searing funeral eulogy, her brother Earl Spencer blamed paparazzi for chasing Diana to her death in a high-speed Paris car crash in 1997, saying he "always believed the press would kill her in the end."

Diana's death heralded a new era of royal coverage, with the press granting her young sons, William and Harry, unprecedented privacy. When William turned 18 and later began college, editors grudgingly agreed to continue that policy in return for official photo calls and interviews on key occasions.

## Snatched images

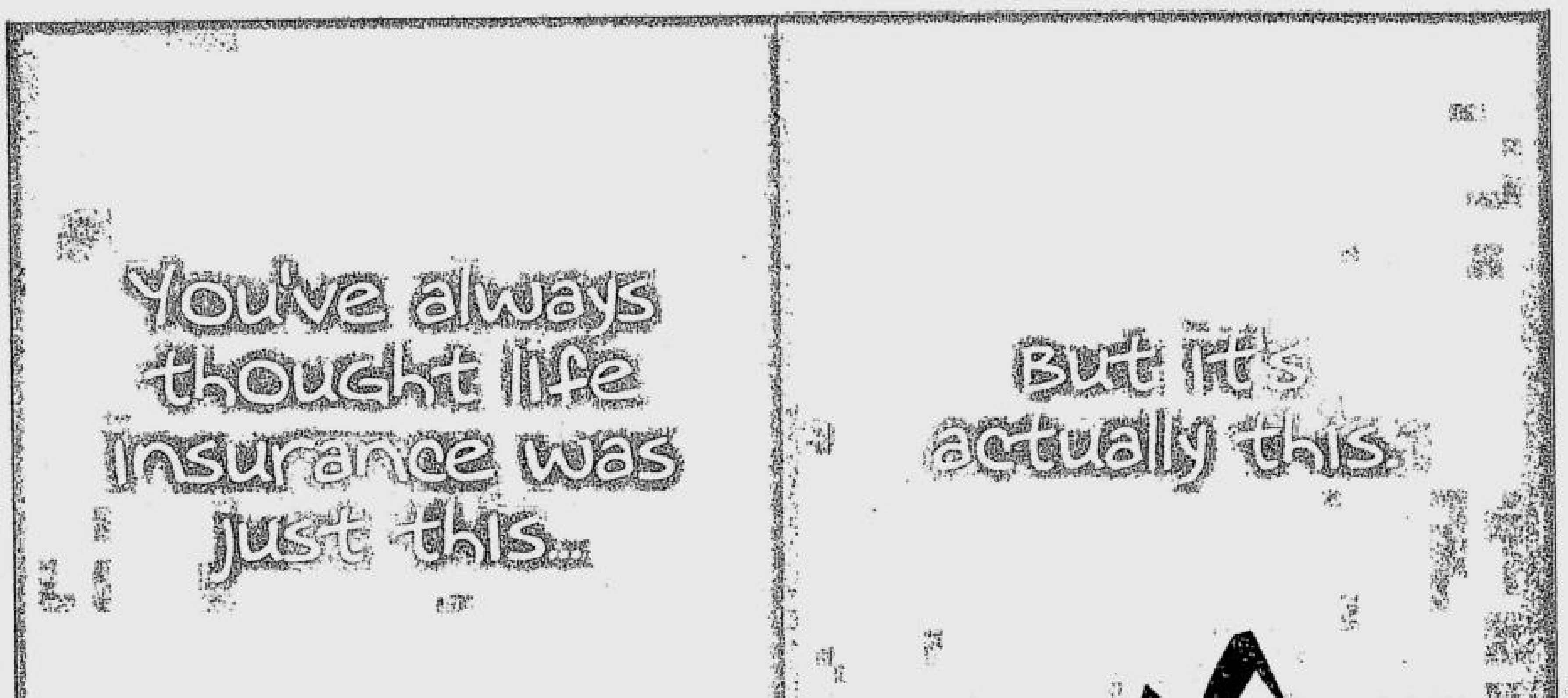
Although last month's interview has temporarily satisfied the press, the informal agreement is under strain amid claims that St. James's Palace hasn't produced William enough.

"The whole agreement is right now up in the air," said one journalist on the royal beat, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It was planned that it would continue until he is 23, but there has been a lot of frustration in the press over St. James's failure to keep their side of the bargain. The access to William has been minimal since he has been at university."

Until last month's photo session, the first since he started college two years ago, papers had opted for snatched images of William—outside a supermarket in the medieval university town of St. Andrews or lazing on the grass as he watched a rugby tournament.

The newspapers were also awash with stories about his love life and speculation about his future—"a shot across the bows of the palace" warning what coverage will be like unless more official interviews are organized, the royal correspondent said.

"Is this William's Queen of Hearts?" asked The Sun tabloid in a story about William and a 20-year-old fellow student, Kate Middleton. *AP*



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### Countdown for Justice

**WAPILE**

IT IS exactly 397 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

# Golden Buddha controversy revived

By Delmar Cariño, *PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

**BAGUIO CITY—Expect a revival of controversy over the alleged Yamashita treasure, the famed Golden Buddha, that was forcibly taken from a local treasure hunter by military men believed to be acting on orders of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos 32 years ago.**

Jose Roxas, brother of Buddha finder Rogelio Roxas, made a surprise visit Thursday to the Justice Hall here to reiterate what he called his "legal right to claim the statuette" locked inside the regional trial court vault.

Roxas, 69, said it is about time that the bronze-plated statuette was placed in his custody.

"In remembrance of my brother Rogelio whose family met a lot of misfortunes because of the lies that were peddled about it," he said.

The Golden Buddha story unfolded in April 1971 when military men swooped in on Rogelio's house at Aurora Hill here to seize a statuette Rogelio claimed was made of pure gold.

Rogelio, a locksmith, said he found the statuette at the back of a hospital here following a map given to him by a retired Japanese military officer who served under the command of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.

Rogelio complained that the military returned to the court a brass-based Buddha. He claimed the original statuette he found had a detachable head with a hollow torso that contained diamonds worth billions of dollars.

On Thursday's visit, Rogelio's brother was accompanied by a crew of BNN Netherlands TV who said they were making a documentary on the fabled "Yamashita treasure."

BNN, reputed to be the biggest network in the Netherlands, sought permission from Judge Antonio Reyes of the regional trial court to have the statuette in the vault be videotaped.

The crew earlier wanted to interview former First Lady Imelda Marcos but were turned down.

"The case is already finished. The court has already decided that the statuette is the one found by Rogelio," was how Marcos was quoted as saying by her assistant who was with the BNN crew.

Marcos, now in Leyte, was referring to Reyes' decision on May 30, 1996 that the Golden Buddha in court custody was the one found by Rogelio.

"The Golden Buddha was the creation of unscrupulous minds who want a share of the Marcos wealth," Reyes then ruled.

Jose Roxas told Reyes that he wanted to bring home the statuette now with the court.

But the judge reminded Roxas that his decision in 1996 stands—that the statuette can only be released to Jose and Rogelio's sons Henry and Gervic Roxas, upon settlement of Rogelio's estate.

"That decision has become final and I cannot simply amend that by releasing it to him (Jose)," Reyes told the INQUIRER.

Reyes' decision that no Golden Buddha existed was based on Jose's testimony that Rogelio did not find any of such kind.

"The (tale of the) Golden Buddha was spun by enemies of the late President Marcos, and my brother became the willing victim," Jose said.

Told that his statements might renew the animosity he had with nephews Henry and Gervic, Jose said he was willing to reach out to them and settle conflicts.

"Henry knows that there is no gold. I cannot tell a lie," Jose said.

# Probe of Abra river pollution urged

BAGUIO CITY—Health and environment workers submitted the findings of an environmental study conducted by the University of the Philippines to the regional Department of Environment and Natural Resources, urging that an investigation into the discharge of mine tailings into an Abra river be launched.

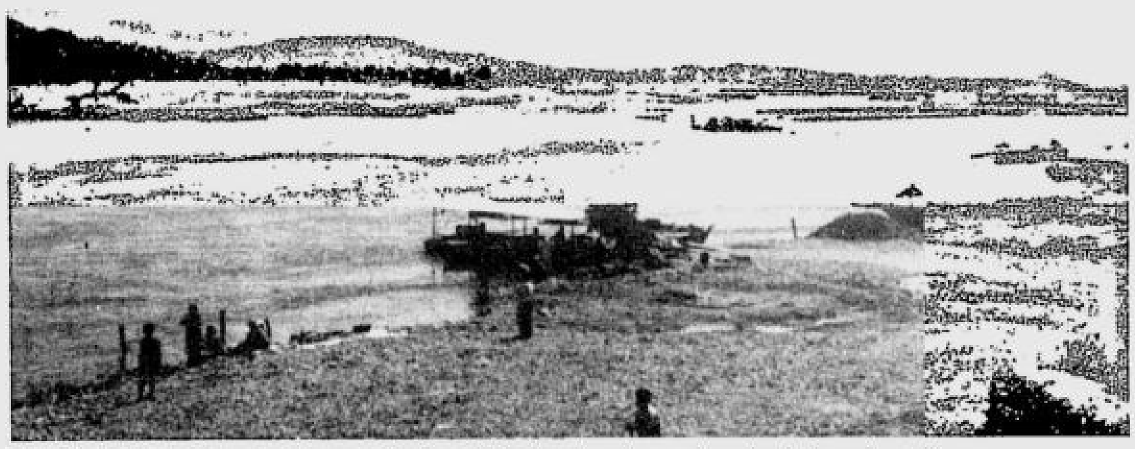
Anna Marie Leung, executive director of the Community Health Education, Services and Training in the Cordillera (Chestcore), said they submitted the study so the DENR could investigate Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. (LCMC) in Mankayan, Benguet, following reports of fish killings in downstream Cervantes, Ilocos Sur.

Felizardo Gacad Jr., chief of the mining environment and safety division of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), said the mines rehabilitation fund committee (MRFC) has set aside P1 million from its P5-million fund to conduct its own investigation.

The MRFC is composed of representatives of the MGB, mining companies and local governments.

Leung said the environmental study was sought in September last year by farmers living along the Abra river .

She said farmers in Quirino and Cervantes towns in Ilocos Sur, which are near the boundary of Mankayan, have complained of poor harvests brought about by their use of river water in irrigation.



**THE ONCE** deep Abra river is now silted and is believed to be used as a basin for mine tailings. LEONCIO BALBIN JR.

The study, which was undertaken by UP Baguio's Pahinungod, Chestcore and various volunteers, showed that since 1936, the operations of the LCMC in Mankayan have affected the quality of the Mankayan-Abra river system and deforested nearby watersheds.

But Glenn Batilando, LCMC environment manager, disputed the findings of the UP study, saying a recent hydro-geological study by LCMC indicated that vast quantities of natural minerals already existed in the Abra river system, aggravating the high metallic content of its waters.

He said the high "sulfitic" nature of the rocks at the bottom of the Abra river merely confirmed that the area had a substantial underground belt of metallic resources.

He said tests of water samples filtered by the LCMC registered at 6.5 pH, which is within the mandatory clearance of 6 to 9 pH set by the government.

Batilando said the firm has sustained cyanide concentrations in the mine effluents at 0.1 milligram for every 1 particulate per minute. This, he said, is lower than standard of 0.2 mg set for drinking water. He said traces of arsenic, cadmium and mercury in water are also 10 times lower than DENR's standards.

He said the firm's mine tailings are treated and recycled as part of LCMC's program to safeguard the environment. He said the ore also undergoes detoxification before wastes go to the tailings dam. *Desiree Caluza with a report from Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

# Cebu lawmakers seek assurance of power supply

**By Jhunnex Napallacan**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

CEBU CITY—Cebu lawmakers are seeking reassurance from the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) that power supply in Metro Cebu will continue after an independent power producer (IPP) shuts down operation due to financial constraints.

Cebu City Representatives Raul del Mar and Antonio Cuenco asked ERC chair Manuel Sanchez to use the power of his office to persuade the Cebu Private Power Corp. (CPPC) to continue supplying power to the Visayan Electric Co. (Veco).

But Sanchez refused to do so.

"The police power of the state is invoked as a last resort because again, we don't want to interfere in the natural course of events especially (in) the business situation," Sanchez explained.

Del Mar, Cuenco and Sanchez were in Cebu on Thursday for public consultation on the anticipated power crisis.

The ERC invited the CPPC officials but they failed to attend the hearing. Veco was represented by corporate secretary Engineer Zoilo Cortes and legal counsel Joan Baron.

Also at the hearing were representatives of the business sector, the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan and the Freedom from Debt Coalition.

"What I'm trying to invoke Mr. Chairman is for the power of the Commission to order CPPC not to disrupt the power situation here, meaning not to suspend operation," del Mar replied.

"We have no time to lose and the Cebuanos cannot afford to have no electricity after June 15. And so, the ERC has powers, ample powers, persuasive as well as legal powers to see to it that the public is protected from unwarranted [blackouts]. So, we call on the Energy Regulatory Commission to act today," Cuenco stressed.

But Sanchez said he would prefer that the CPPC and Veco resolve the issue as the two companies have an existing contract.

Sanchez told reporters after the hearing that the ERC would ask the CPPC not to disrupt the delivery of power after June 15.

The CPPC officials earlier announced that they might reconsidershould they be allowed to increase prices.

# Broadcaster survives slay try

CEBU CITY—An unidentified gunman shot a radio broadcaster in front of the Bureau of Customs office at the port area on Thursday.

Reynaldo Cortes, 30 and a blocktimer of radio station dyDD Bantay Radyo, sustained a bullet wound in the right groin. He is now in stable condition at the Cebu City Medical Center. He, however, has yet to undergo an operation that would extract the bullet from his groin.

Senior Supt. Cecil Ezra Sandalo, Cebu City Police Office chief, formed a task force headed by Supt. Noel Gillamac, Waterfront police precinct chief, to identify and arrest the lone assailant.

Cortez and Lito "Bingbong" Solon, the victim's co-anchor in his radio program "Engkwentro," had gone to the Bureau of Customs to investigate some allegations involving a Customs officer in the shooting incident.

Solon believed that a Customs officer was behind the assassination attempt. The two broadcasters were checking into the "luxurious lifestyle" of the Customs officer.

But Presidential Political Liaison officer Elberto Emphasis suspected that Cortes and Solon were involved in extortion activities, an allegation denied by Solon.

He maintained that their radio program was aimed at exposing anomalies within the government. He, however, admitted they were paying P30,000 monthly in airtime rates to dyDD Bantay Radyo.

At first, Solon said the money came from their own pockets. Later in the interview, he admitted they had friends helping them pay for airtime. *Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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# Third suspect in Lucena radioman's slay nabbed

LUCENA CITY—The Task Force Polly on Thursday arrested the third suspect in the murder of dwTI broadcaster Apolinario Pobeda in Barangay Lakawan, Tayabas.

Newly-designated Quezon Police Director, S/Supt. Federico Terte, identified the arrested as Leonides Alcantara, alias "Eddie" and "Tabsak," 40, a resident of Landing District, Barangay Ibabang Iyam, in this city.

The team, headed by Supt. Pablito Duron and composed of personnel from the Quezon police, the National Bureau of Investigation, and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, swooped in on Kambingan Restaurant where the suspect was cooking.

Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal, Calabarzon police chief, revealed that they would soon arrest another suspect.

"There is still another one, the fourth suspect. Our men are working double time to get the suspect," Caringal said in a phone interview.

Caringal described Alcantara's arrest as a breakthrough in the resolution of the Pobeda slay.

Terte said the arrest was carried out by virtue of two arrest orders for murder charges that were previously issued against Alcantara in connection with the series of assassination of policemen in Quezon several years ago.

The INQUIRER learned that Alcantara was a former member of the New People's Army's liquidation squad under the late NPA leader Hector Mabilangan.

The police report said no gun was recovered from Alcantara but four plastic sachets that contained white crystals believed to be shabu were found.

Alcantara was placed in the custody of the CIDG, Terte said.

The Task Force said they received information that Alcantara was the one who fired the shots that killed the victim.

Terte said a witness to the killing positively identified the third suspect from a set of photographs.

The police also found out that Alcantara and Eulogio Patulay, another arrested suspect, have spent some time together at the Quezon provincial jail. Terte said Alcantara's wife could be the one extending feelers to the authorities the past several days for the arrest or surrender of the suspect.

Another source from the Task Force told the INQUIRER that there was a second eyewitness to the killing.

Terte said the TFP was still conducting interrogations on the suspect.

However, a member of the task force said they have hardly extracted any information from Alcantara.

The family of the victim has expressed appreciation for the arrest of the suspect.

Antonio Pobeda, uncle of the slain radioman and spokesperson of Justice for Polly Movement, described the Landing District, where all the three suspects reside, as haven for "hired killers."

The arraignment of the suspects has been scheduled on June 23.

The complaints have been amended to add Alcantara to the list of suspects. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

## ROUNDUP

### Quake rocks Mindoro

AN INTENSITY 3 earthquake rocked Mindoro on Friday morning, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs). The Seismology Division recorded a magnitude of 4.9 on the Richter scale, around 2:43 a.m. Phivolcs said the earthquake was tectonic in origin, and the epicenter was traced to 41 km south of Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro. Other areas affected were Manila with intensity 2, and Quezon City with intensity 1. ***Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

### '117' pranksters

LEGAZPI CITY—The three-month-old "117 Patrol" program of the Department of Interior and Local Government in Bicol, designed to respond immediately to any disaster all over the nation, had registered 1,213 calls in April alone. What saddened Sr. Insp. Rene Marcial, public information officer of the Bureau of Fire Protection Region V, however, was that 1,182 of the calls were prank calls, while seven were threats. Despite this, Marcial said they were able to respond within 5.15 to 6.15 minutes, compared to the previous record of 7 minutes. ***Gil Francis Arevalo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau.***

### Hit and run

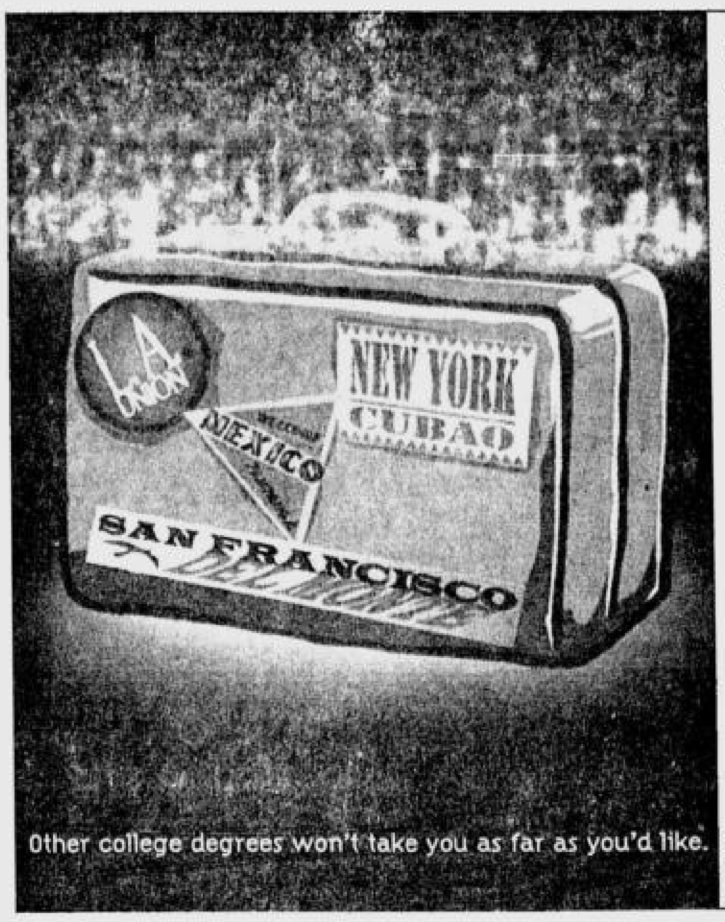
LIGAO CITY—Two persons died after a still unidentified bus bound for Metro Manila ran over the tricycle they were riding in on Thursday, at 10 p.m. in Barangay Tuburan. Chief Insp. Arnel Rabe, Ligao Police Chief identified the fatalities as Sonny Perdigones and Alberto Borbita, residents of Tuburan. He said, the victims were rushed to Bicol regional Training and Teaching Hospital (BRTTH) in Legazpi city but were later declared dead. The victims suffered serious physical injuries and bone fractures, Rabe said. Authorities are still tracking down the bus that fled after the incident. ***Michael B. Jaucian, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

### Crackdown on gambling

MATI, Davao Oriental—The provincial police chief here ordered a crackdown on the illegal numbers game "last two digits," which gets its winning combination from the daily lotto draw of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. "I assure the people that our campaign against illegal gambling will be intensified, especially that many minors [sic] here are now reportedly hooked [on] it (illegal gambling)," said Senior Supt. Catalino Cuy, provincial police chief. He admitted that illegal gambling could not be curbed because some policemen were protecting the operators. "We already have a list of policemen here who [have been] receiving monthly payola from illegal gambling operators. We will file criminal charges against these policemen," he said. ***Ferdinand Z. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

### Japanese tourist dies

CEBU CITY—A Japanese tourist died on board a plane bound for Cebu on Sunday, a day before he would turn 67. Ambo Katsoumi died from a heart attack on board Philippine Airlines flight PR-433 around 2 p.m. on Sunday, an hour after it took off from the Narita Airport, Japan. Quarantine officials immediately checked on Katsoumi when the plane landed at the Mactan Cebu International Airport around 6:30. According to the report of the Regional Aviation Security Office (Raso), the quarantine officials believed that the Japanese died of cardiac arrest. Katsoumi was from Aza Takayanagi, Nanagitada Izumi Kusendai, Shimiyagi Ken. PAL operations officer Chito Villar said they already informed Katsoumi's family in Japan through the office of the Japanese consul based in Cebu. His body now lies in state at the Cosmopolitan Funeral Homes on Junquera Street, Cebu City. ***Kathy I. Navarro, PDI Visayas Bureau***



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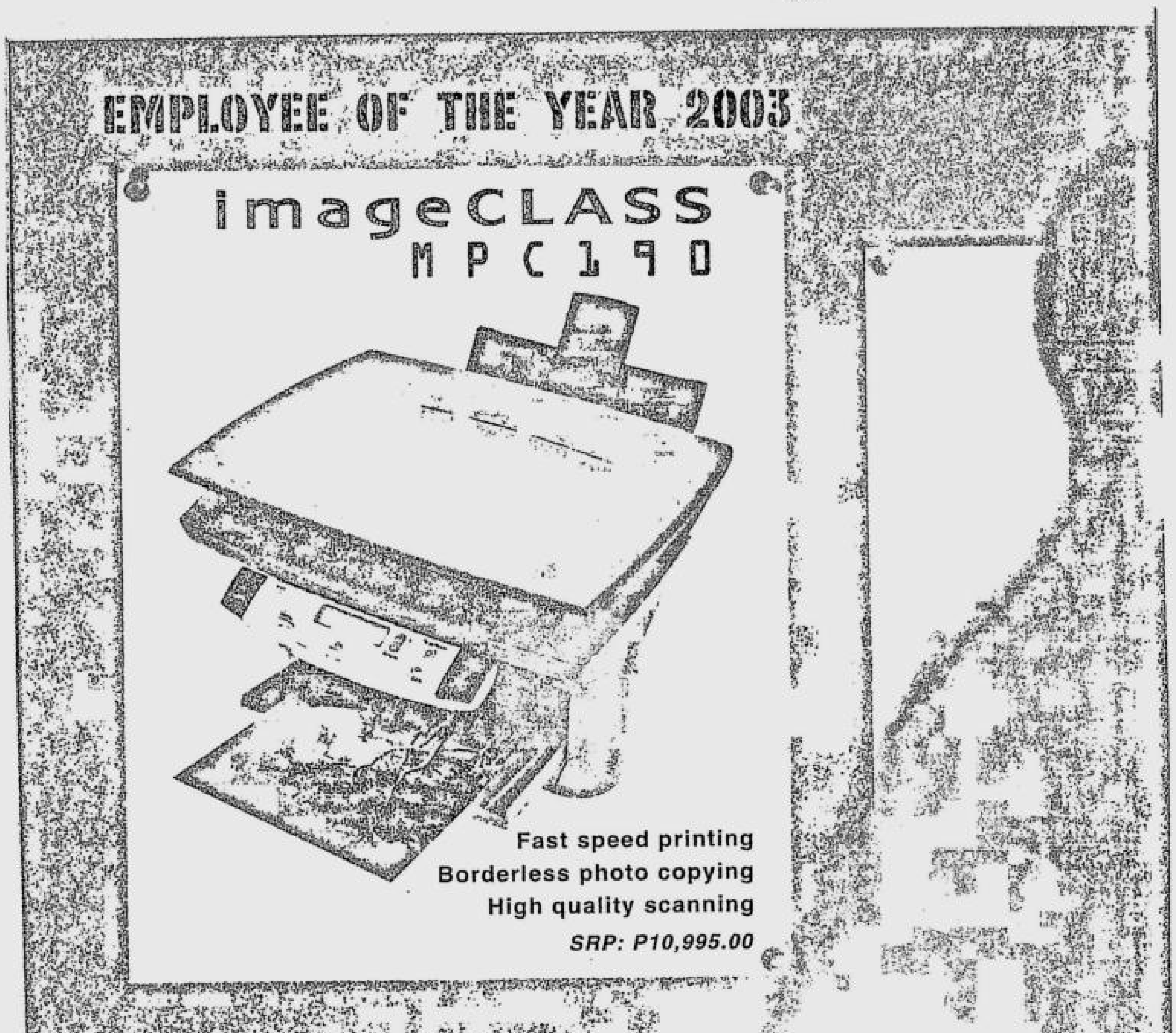

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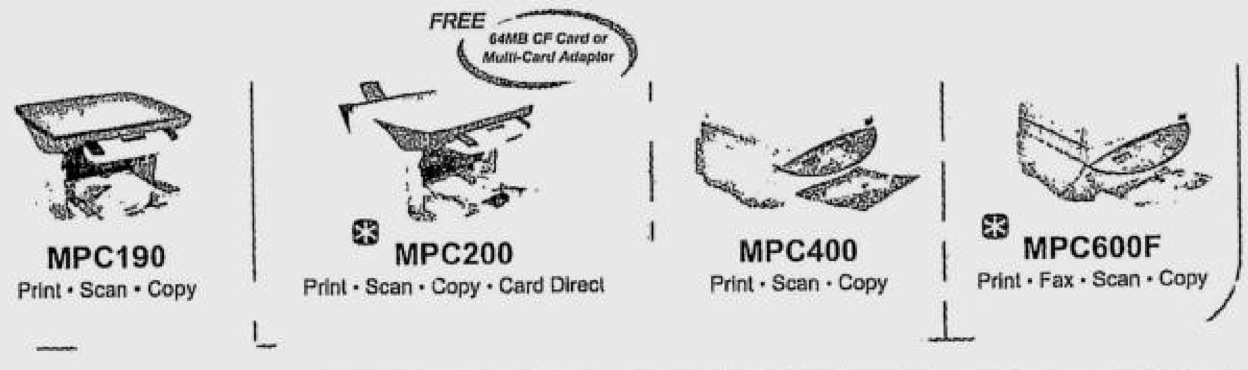
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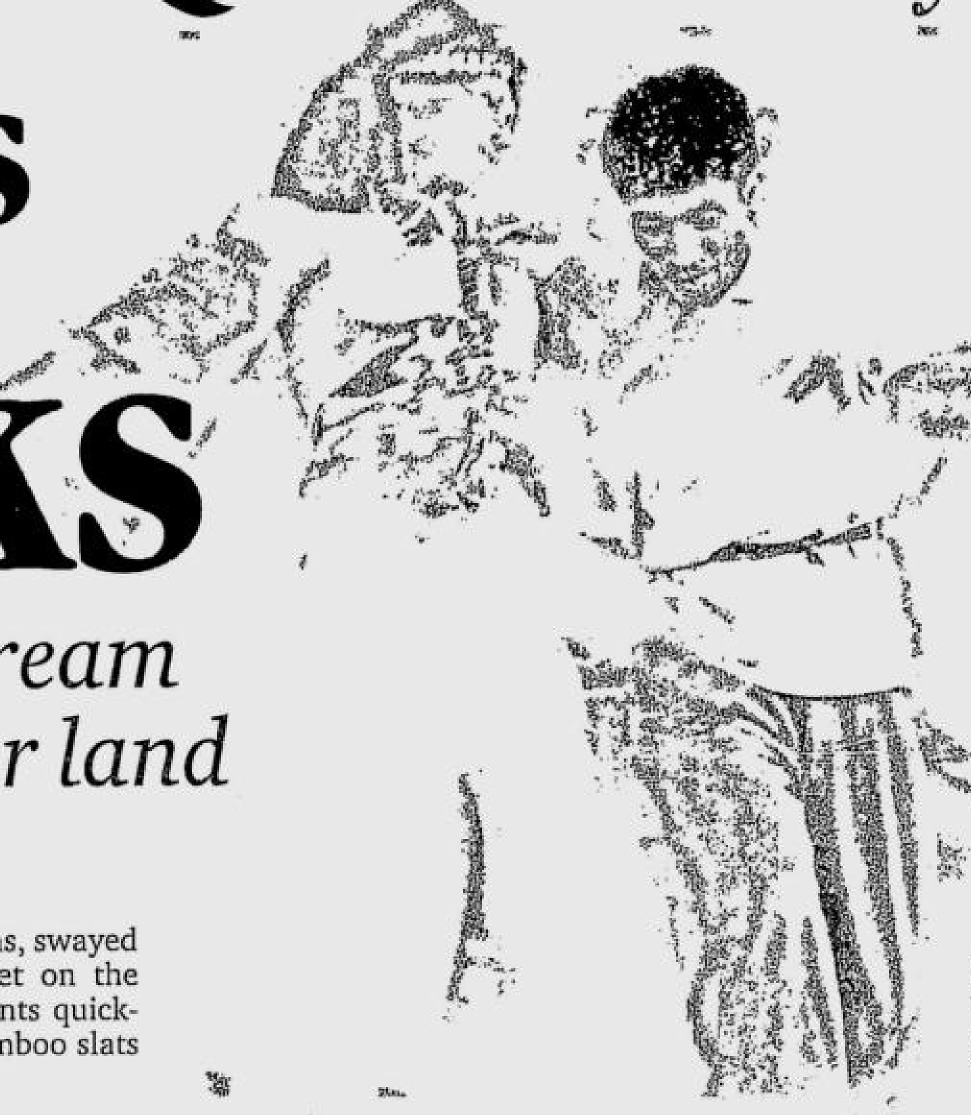
# Dances like hawks

## *Tumanduk folk dream of reclaiming their land*

**By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.**
*Tapaz, Capiz*



**DANCERS** from various villages perform the Binanog.
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THE COUPLE flapped and waved their arms, swayed their bodies, as they stomped their feet on the makeshift bamboo stage. Their movements quickened as the rhythmic beating of gongs and bamboo slats rose to a crescendo.

As the beat intensified, they drew closer, each waving bright-colored handkerchiefs. Suddenly, the woman snatched her partner's handkerchief as the dance climaxed to a riotous cheering and clapping, beating of gongs and feet stomping.

Members of the indigenous group Tumanduk usually perform the Binanog dance only during special occasions. It is a rare treat for city dwellers to witness the dance that simulates the movements of a hawk. It is rarer to see members dance and reenact other traditional practices for three straight days.

On May 9-11, during the fourth general assembly of their political organization Tumandok, dancers performed at least 25 variations of the Binanog.

Around 1,000 delegates from 27 hinterland villages of Jamindan and Tapaz towns attended the assembly held at the Tapaz Civic Center.

"It is during gatherings like this that we feel most at home," said Samuel Francisco, Tumandok chairperson.

The Tumanduk people, the largest indigenous group on Panay Island, are found at the heart of the island where they have built communities and enriched their culture even before the Spanish colonizers came.

Anthropologist F. Landa Jocano, who conducted one of the earliest known studies of the group, called the members of the community the Sulodnon. He included in the grouping indigenous people found in the mountains of Tapaz and Jamindan in Capiz and in the towns of Calinog and Lambunao in Iloilo.

Other scholars and the National Commission on Indigenous People refer to the group as the Sulodnon-Bukidnon or the Panay-Bukidnon, but the people consider the terms derogatory and prefer to be called Tumanduk to stress that they are among the first inhabitants of Panay.

Alfonso Catolin, regional director of the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP), said the Tumanduk population had grown to around 15,000 in Tapaz, 12,000 in Calinog and 6,000 in Jamindan.

### Rich traditions

The Tumanduk have a rich oral tradition that records their legends, epics and events in their community. The *sugidanon* (epics chanted in the archaic Panay language called the *dagil* or *ligbok*) tells the story and exploits of their heroes, like Labaw Dunggon and Humadapnon.

Their rich oral literature is also expressed in the *dilot* (love songs), *talda* (repartee) and *ulawhay* (chanted narrative).

Anthropologists have recorded nine epics chanted for at least 162 hours. The epics, according to studies, provide insights into the history, psyche and culture of the prehispanic Panay Bisayan.

**AN ELDERLY** Tumanduk who cannot write signs a resolution calling for the return of their ancestral lands with an "x" mark.
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The most noted among the chanters, 102-year-old Lola Elena Gardose, was awarded by the Cultural Center of the Philippines in 1992 for storytelling in the vernacular. Her chants were made as reference in plays and cultural presentations, among them the Hinalawod.

Even as they draw pride from their cultural uniqueness and heritage, the elders of the community fear that their traditional practices will not be carried on by succeeding generations and eventually disappear.

"We need to tell the young that our practices reflect our people and roots," said Maureto Diaz, 48, one of the tribal leaders.

Diaz said many young people from their community considered their traditional practices "*buki*" (backward or outmoded). "They preferred to go to *binayle* (village dances popular in the lowlands) rather than dance the Binanog."

But he said the elders, prodded by their organization, were teaching the younger generations to appreciate and continue their practices. "Many parents are teaching their children to dance the Binanog at home while others are made to observe performances during occasions so they can learn the steps," said Diaz.

### Balay Koron-an

The *ambahan*, however, is more difficult to pass on. It requires years of training for the appointed epic keeper like Lola Elena. A *binukot* (well-kept maiden), Lola Elena was trained to chant since she was a child.

Catolin said the culture of the indigenous group was evolving with the traditional practices "continuing but in another form."

He said it was inevitable that the community would assimilate the culture and practices of those outside their community.

To help preserve the traditional practices, the NCIP and the University of the Philippines-Center for West Visayan Studies started the Balay Koron-an, a pilot program to "preserve and transmit the indigenous cultural and traditional practices from the old to the young."

The weekend school, started two years ago is located at Barangay Garangan in Calinog, Iloilo. It caters to children, aged 10-15 years old, from the barangay and the neighboring villages of Masaroy and Agcalaga. The elders of the community supervise the teaching of oral traditions, dances and folklore.

Catolin said they planned to open a similar school at the town proper of Tapaz this year because of the positive response from the community.

### Bigger threats

But more than the assimilation of mainstream culture, the Tumanduk said their culture and survival as a people were being threatened by poverty, lack of land security and intensifying counter-insurgency operations of government troops.

The communities are impoverished, with basic social services almost absent in most villages. Teachers hold classes two to three times per month because the barangays are far from the town proper. A midwife comes once a month, but there is no health center.

Roads, irrigation and post-harvest facilities are also absent.

Catolin said poverty was driving the Tumanduk young to the lowlands to find jobs as house helps or farm workers.

Those who remain constantly face the danger of war between soldiers and communist rebels. The communities cover 24 hinterland villages in Tapaz and Jamindan considered by the military as hotbeds of insurgency since the Marcos dictatorship.

The Army has accused the Tumandok organization of being a "front organization" of the Communist Party of the Philippines and the New People's Army, especially each time the group complained of abuses allegedly committed by soldiers during military operations.

Col. Jeffrey Sodusta, commander of the Army's Task Force Panay, said the group had been raising "old issues again and again" without filing a single formal complaint against the alleged abusive soldiers. He urged the Tumanduk to convince rebels to lay down their arms instead of fighting the Army.

### Reclaiming the land

But Tumandok chair Samuel Francisco said they were not fighting the government but merely wanted "to reclaim our ancestral lands usurped by the Army."

The indigenous group is disputing Proclamation No.67 issued by then President Diosdado Macapagal in 1962, declaring a 33,310-hectare area straddling Tapaz and Jamindan a military reservation. Inside the area is Camp Macario Peralta, headquarters of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division and the second biggest military camp in the country.

During the assembly, the delegates signed a resolution demanding the return of their ancestral land. "Proclamation 67 is a violation of our right to our ancestral land," read the resolution.

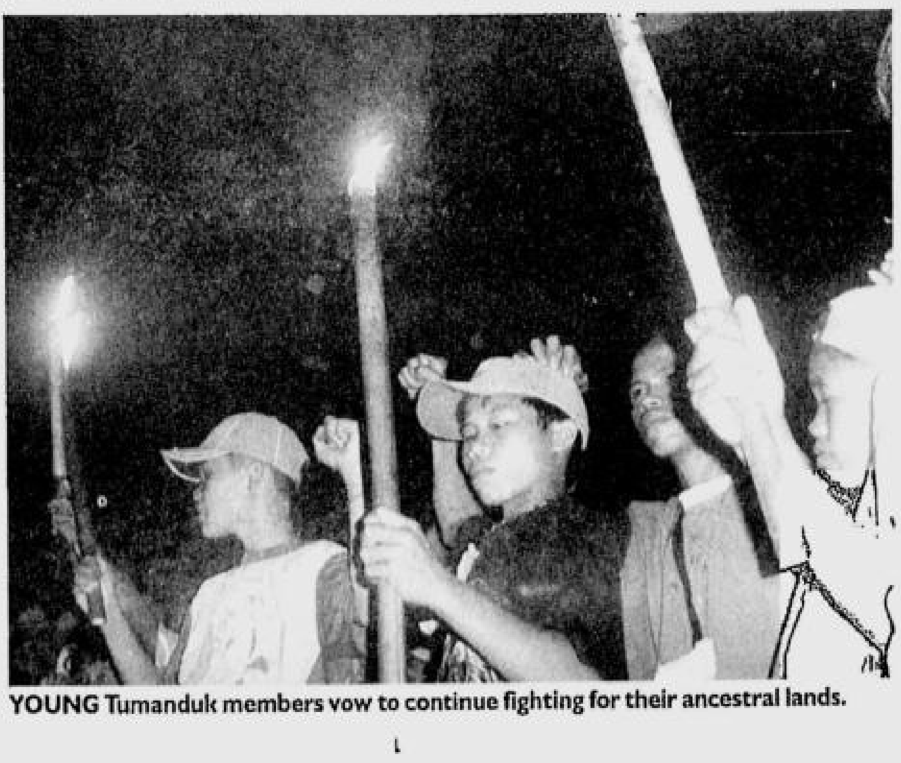
In a separate resolution, the delegates called for the withdrawal of soldiers from their communities. They said they had been "living in fear since the Army intensified its operation against the NPA two years ago" because they were always tagged as rebel supporters and sympathizers.

The provincial board earlier passed a resolution calling for a stop to military operations in Tapaz and Jamindan after residents accused soldiers of human rights abuses. But Army officials and Mayors Romualdo Exmundo of Tapaz and Winston Advincula of Jamindan said they opposed the resolution and denied the allegations of the residents.

Catolin said members of the indigenous group were in constant danger of being caught in the crossfire because "like most people in the rural areas affected by the insurgency, you cannot choose your visitors."

He said he had called the attention of the NCIP national office to address the land dispute at the national level because the problem involved various branches of the government. He said they were still waiting for the approval of the NCIP guidelines governing claims to ancestral domain on land declared reservations.

Francisco said they would not stop fighting for the land where generations of their people have lived and died, the land where they hope succeeding Tumanduk generations will continue to dance the Binanog and chant their people's stories.



YOUNG Tumanduk members vow to continue fighting for their ancestral lands.

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# 'Run Gloria Run'

**BACOLOD EXCHANGE**

*Ninfa R. Leonarda*

BACOLOD City woke up Tuesday morning to find itself covered all over with streamers that read "Run Gloria Run." They hung from posts, trees, walls and every available space, especially along the main streets. Malicious minds quickly made the connection: this day was also the birthday of potential presidential candidate Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco."

Even if President Macapagal-Arroyo herself had declared, albeit not so emphatically lately, that she would not be a candidate in 2004, her local supporters probably thought they could draw the thunder away from the former ambassador by launching the "Clamor Campaign" in the city.

Denials quickly came from several quarters, but nobody believed the streamers just sprang up by themselves. In fact, whoever was behind them must have thought it over carefully. The streamers were of different sizes and some were professionally done, others crudely made, on used sackcloth, with the wordings also brushed on in a slap-dash manner. Since the slogan was painted in red in the latter, people said they looked like the type used by leftists during their rallies and marches.

Obviously, the supporters and, conversely, the politicians hoping for the support of GMA in the next election, cannot wait for the timetable reportedly set by her spokesperson, former Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez. A recent report said Alvarez had hinted that the President might announce her decision in October. Now, isn't that the month mentioned by US President George Bush for his own state visit here? Will Bush be standing by GMA when she makes that crucial announcement?

Suprisingly, the "Run Gloria Run" streamers were reported to have sprouted only in Bacolod that day, making it easier for anyone really interested in unraveling the mystery.

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AS FAR as the neighboring city, Silay, is concerned, residents are still euphoric over their having sent the strong message across to their warring officials. Last Saturday, the Commission on Elections supervised what is believed to be the first referendum ever held in the country for the purpose of approving a local government budget.

For several months, starting October last year, the city mayor, Carlo Gamban, and his vice mayor, Ramon Jison, had been at odds over the city's budget that the Sanggunian Panlungsod, headed by the vice mayor, would not approve without changes they wanted to introduce. Now, Silay has a peculiar setup in that the city council is split down the middle between councilors belonging to the opposition and those linked to the administration headed by Gamban.

So the administration went into a signature campaign for the purpose of declaring a citizens' initiative and to seek for a referendum on the issue. As soon as the Comelec had approved and scheduled the referendum, the opposition group tried to seek a temporary restraining order to stop it, to no avail.

Well, the mayor triumphed, the voting turned out 93.8 percent to 6.12 percent in favor of his group. Now Silay has its budget, even if it is almost six months late.

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NEGROS Island is percolating over the case of the compromising videotapes featuring some local lasses in sexual encounter. Bacolod's problem is not quite as serious, although also related to sex and nudity, or something like it.

When a local barangay held its fiesta with a bikini contest as one of its activities, some councilors expressed disgust over what they felt was exploitation of the youth.

Apparently, however, the mayor, Luzviminda Valdez, thought nothing was wrong with it and was, in fact, even perceived to have been supportive of the activity, encouraging it in other barangays.

When the councilors protested, she asked them to put their case in an ordinance. So Bacolod may soon have a law regulating the presentation of young and nubile bodies before the lecherous eyes of dirty old men and imaginative young boys, who reportedly do not watch the shows from the front, but from beneath the stage.

The councilors will probably have their way in this case, since it is also a popular one.

But they are going to lose their battle against the exclusive operation of the smoke emission testing centers which local drivers are so heated up against. Even a trip to Manila to appeal to the appropriate committees, accomplished nothing, reinforcing local perception that, even before the passage of the Clean Air Act, the arrangement for the multimillion-peso SET business had already been a done deal.

# NBI medico-legal chief ...

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Pangan said Castro also wanted Chan to give the money to his doctor-friend. But Chan, upon advice of the NBI and PNP, insisted that Castro receive the money.

Chan received final instructions from Castro to deliver the money to Reyes himself last Thursday morning. However, this had to be moved to 1:30 p.m. because the task force was still awaiting the final go-signal from Wycoco.

At 1:30 p.m. Chan handed over the marked money to Reyes, who was immediately arrested by the NBI-PNP team.

## Castro's arrest

Meanwhile, Castro, who still had not learned about Reyes' arrest, went to the NBI medico-legal division chief's office as previously arranged.

Pangan said Chan pointed to Castro as he entered Reyes' office. The NBI and PNP team then arrested Castro.

Castro joined the NBI Dagupan office only last August. Before this he was a practicing physician in Dagupan.

Castro was the one who prepared the autopsy report on Chan's patient, but Pangan said Castro did not file a copy with the Dagupan office.

## Expert witness

Pangan said the NBI Dagupan office was only doing its job in trapping two of their colleagues.

"We had no choice," he said.

As a medico-legal officer of the NBI, Reyes was often called an expert witness in cases handled by the government, especially in homicides and murders.

Among the famous cases he has handled are the Nida Blanca murder in 2001, the alleged suicide of Philippine Military Academy graduate Jessica Chavez and the killing in Singapore of Filipino maid Delia Maga.

A ranking NBI official, who did not want to be named, said the incident, if proved true, could be disastrous to the credibility of the entire bureau.

"*Nakakahiya kung totoo* (It's shameful if it's true)," he said.

But another NBI official, lawyer Ricardo Diaz of the Interpol Division, said he was surprised at the news of Reyes' entrapment.

"He would be the last person I expected to be involved in this," Diaz said.

He said Reyes was an efficient administrator, a very reliable officer and worked very quickly on medico-legal cases.

Diaz said Reyes even fixed the "infighting" in his department. "*Magulo dati iyong department niya* (His department used to be in a mess). He fixed it," Diaz said. ***With reports from Luige del Puerto and PDI Research***

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# Gregory Peck

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just sort of ran his course and died of old age."

Actress Anjelica Huston, who was a lifelong friend of Peck's and whose father John directed him in "Moby Dick," told a local TV newscast: "He was a divine man, the most beautiful man in the world. He was a complete gentleman, kind, dignified, proper, without ever being stiff, fun, a great conversationalist, someone who I respected ever so much."

Fans of the actor thronged to his star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame bearing flowers, while friends and neighbors flocked to the Peck mansion to comfort his wife and his four adult children.

Among them were French film star and former matinee idol Louis Jourdan and film director Larry Gelbart, who made the hit 1970s television series "M.A.S.H" and the 1982 comedy "Tootsie."

"I more than loved him. I admired him immensely," said Jourdan.

The double wrought-iron gates swung open automatically as the guests identified themselves through an intercom.

Gelbart came bearing pastries for the family, while Frank Sinatra's daughter, Tina Sinatra, reportedly sent flowers to the house.

## No. 1 hero

"Gregory Peck was unique. He represents integrity, compassion and honesty. His star shone brightly for a long time, and now it will continue to shine in heaven," said actor Kirk Douglas. "We talked so often about doing a picture together, and I am sad that we never got to do one."

Though he played a handful of villains, including the Nazi doctor Mengele in "The Boys From Brazil," Peck was best known for upright, chivalrous characters in such films as "Roman Holiday" and "Gentleman's Agreement," or stalwart heroes in "Captain Horatio Hornblower" and "Pork Chop Hill."

Nominated for Academy Awards four times early in his career, Peck finally won the best-actor honor with his fifth and final nomination for "To Kill a Mockingbird." The 1962 classic was based on Harper Lee's novel about widowed lawyer Atticus Finch who is raising two children amid Southern racial unrest as he defends a black man, wrongly accused of raping a white woman.

Atticus Finch earned Peck his final Hollywood honor, placing No. 1 last week on the American Film Institute's list of top 50 heroes in US movies.

"I put everything I had into it—all my feelings and everything I'd learned in 46 years of living, about family life and fathers and children," Peck said in 1989, recalling the role. "And my feelings about racial justice and inequality and opportunity."

## No touch of scandal

Off- and on-screen, Peck conveyed a quiet dignity. He had one amicable divorce, and scandal never touched him.

He served as president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences and was active in the Motion Picture and Television Fund and National Endowment for the Arts.

He took on a heavy load of charity work, chairing the American Cancer Society and running a program with the Los Angeles library to promote reading, earning him a raft of humanitarian awards.

Peck made his film debut in 1944's "Days of Glory," a tale of Russian peasants coping with Nazi occupation. The next year, he played a priest in his second film, "Keys to the Kingdom," which brought him his first Oscar nomination.

Three more nominations soon followed: for 1946's "The Yearling," the family classic about a boy and his pet fawn; for 1947's best-picture winner "Gentleman's Agreement," in which Peck played a reporter posing as a Jew to expose anti-Semitism in America; and for 1949's "Twelve O'Clock High," with Peck as a World War II flight leader coming unglued under the pressures of command.

Other films included Alfred Hitchcock's "Spellbound," the Ernest Hemingway adaptation "The Snows of Kilimanjaro," the corporate-America critique "The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit" and the nuclear-Armageddon tale "On the Beach."

Peck played Gen. Douglas MacArthur in "MacArthur," Lincoln in the TV miniseries "The Blue and the Grey" and F. Scott Fitzgerald in "Beloved Infidel."

Roles became scarce late in his career. He played writer Ambrose Bierce in 1989's "Old Gringo," and the owner of a company targeted for a hostile takeover in the 1991 Danny DeVito comedy "Other People's Money."

"It was an honor to know him. It was an honor to have worked with him," DeVito said. "He was gentle, sweet and generous." *Inquirer wires*

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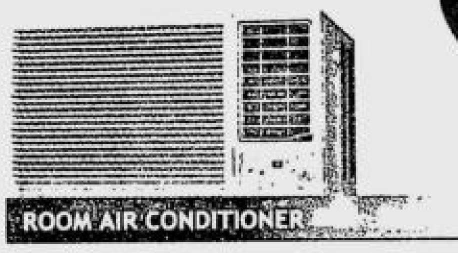

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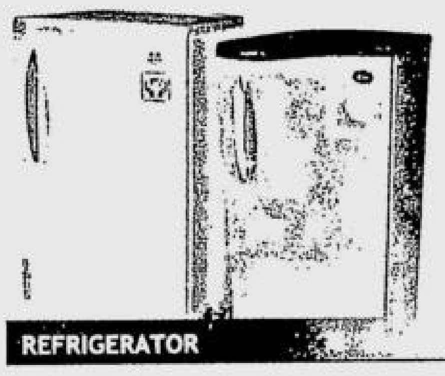

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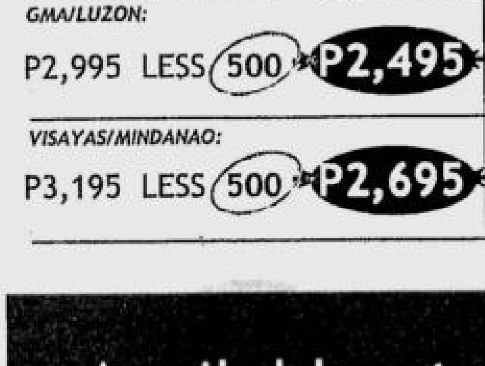

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# Gov't, MILF open more peace zones

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will," the elusive rebel chief said.

But other MILF leaders said the letter was a forgery.

Mohagher Iqbal, MILF information chief, said Salamat did not order the withdrawal of rebel fighters. "How can there be withdrawal when our fighters reside in the area?" Iqbal said.

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said he talked with Salamat the night before and the rebel chieftain had not mentioned anything about a withdrawal.

"But even without withdrawal orders, our men have been silent these past days because of our unilateral declaration of ceasefire," Kabalu said.

But Paglas is a close relation of Salamat, and the letter he read assumed such a relationship.

"Thus from today, my office (has) made an uncharacteristic(ally) direct communication. Normally we go through channels in our organization," Salamat said in the letter.

But the rebel chief, the subject of arrest warrants for alleged terrorist acts, did not specify the timetable of withdrawal.

**PRESIDENTIAL** security guards make a thorough inspection of well-wishers of the President including the bags of children. EDWIN BACASMAS

## Tired of war?

A ranking military official in Central Mindanao said Salamat's order could mean the MILF was tired of waging war.

"Maybe they're now willing to give up. Maybe this means that the end is near for the MILF. The area where MILF troops were ordered out was practically the rebel group's bailiwick. Where would they go?" the official, a one-star general, said.

Ms Macapagal said Tabang Mindanaw's program, dubbed Panday-Buhat Kalinaw (Peace Building), is the answer to "What I've been believing all along."

"I believe that until we have a peaceful Mindanao, we can never be a great nation. Tabang Mindanaw is doing wonderful things for these people," Ms Macapagal said.

While expressing support for the creation of new peace sanctuaries, the military said these would not prevent it from exercising its duties as protector of the people.

"We are committed to our responsibility of upholding the country's national security. We will continue to work in pursuit of a just, durable, comprehensive and lasting peace under our Constitution," Col. Alexander Batuan said.

The President reiterated the government's efforts to solve the peace and order problem in Mindanao.

But these efforts, she said, would go to waste unless there was an enduring peace.

"We must recognize that we are a multi-ethnic society. We must institutionalize the accommodation of the values of ethnic traditions," she said.

Datu Ibrahim Malabana, Inug-ug barangay chairman, said turning their village into a peace zone means a new life for them.

"We had a simple life before the war. When the war started, everything turned bad for all of us. This is the reason why we want this place declared a peace sanctuary," he said.

## Preconditions again

But in another statement, the President appeared to have gone back on an agreement she reached with Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad in Tokyo last week.

"A ceasefire without preconditions may open us to wider conflict because it will loosen the constrictive ring we have thrown around terrorist formations," Ms Macapagal said.

Before accepting the MILF's offer of a ceasefire, Ms Macapagal said: "We must ask ourselves: will this serve the interest of the people? Will it give them a sense of security and liberate them from fear? Let us be counseled by the lessons of the past and keep our vigilance."

She said her main concern was to serve the welfare of every citizen and to keep our communities from harm. "I shall not place lives at unnecessary risk. We are not against peace, we are simply acting to save more lives." *With a report from Gil Cabacungan*

# *Gov't, MILF troops clash; 1 killed*

**By Edwin O. Fernandez**
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*
**and TJ Burgonio in Manila**

COTABATO CITY—Soldiers and MILF rebels clashed in a remote village of Midsayap, North Cotabato on Thursday, the military reported yesterday.

Lt. Col. Romeo Ayson, commander of the Army's 38th Infantry Division based in Midsayap, said one rebel died in the encounter.

But Eid Kabalu, spokesperson for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, blamed soldiers for the incident.

He said their "men in the field were relaxing in Barangay Malingao when soldiers suddenly arrived and fired on them."

He said the beleaguered rebels had to fire back to defend themselves.

"So if we closely look at the incident, our men did nothing wrong. It was the military's action that triggered the firefight," Kabalu said.

Ayson admitted that his men initiated clash.

He said soldiers were patrolling Barangay Malingao in Midsayap at around 6:30 a.m. when they chanced upon a band of Moro rebels, numbering about 50, under commander Samal Masdal.

Ayson said a rebel identified as Basit Masdal was killed in the clash. Soldiers also recovered his M-16 Armalite rifle. The firefight lasted about 20 minutes.

The Army soldiers were led by Capt. Matranillo Romasanta.

The MILF started a 10-day unilateral ceasefire on June 2 "to show our sincerity," Murad Ebrahim, the rebel group's military chief, earlier said.

It expired midnight on Wednesday but leaders of the rebel group, who had been consulting each other since Tuesday, decided to extend it for another 10 days.

The extension was allegedly prompted by Malaysia's request for the rebel group to return to the negotiating table.

The talks were suspended after MILF rebels attacked Siocon town in Zamboanga del Norte. *With reports from Grace Albasin and Y. R. Musni, PDI Mindanao Bureau; AFP*

**PRESIDENT** Macapagal with US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone at the Solar dryer project funded by USAID for livelihood enhancement in Barangay Tamontaka, Cotabato City. EDWIN BACASMAS

# Is she or isn't she? GMA keeps 'em guessing

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statement made by Ms Macapagal on the issue since her Dec. 30 announcement that she would not run in 2004 to be able to govern more effectively for the rest of her term. She had been leaving people guessing with her stern no-comment responses to questions on her political plans.

Even her husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, has said that there was no final decision yet on the matter.

But in a radio interview, Ms Macapagal's spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said she was steadfast in her decision despite the endorsements of her continued leadership.

"Well, our President was glad that international credit agencies like Fitch look at her administration positively. This report of Fitch is an endorsement and approval of her ongoing reform [programs]," Bunye said.

He added in Filipino: "But if you're asking if this will change the President's decision, I think this will not because [she] has already decided on this issue and has stated that she will not be a candidate."

## 'Candidate to beat'

Gonzales said Ms Macapagal was the strongest candidate whom Lakas could field against the opposition.

"She is still the candidate to beat," he said.

In separate interviews, opposition Senators Aquilino Pimentel and John Osmeña echoed this point.

Pimentel noted that as the incumbent, Ms Macapagal "holds a lot of aces because she is in power and in control of the government machinery."

"If you are pitted against a sitting President, don't underestimate her strength. Always assume that she is a formidable candidate," Pimentel said in a phone interview. But he refused to say if his statement was an expression of support for a Macapagal candidacy.

Pimentel also warned of massive election fraud should the President decide to run.

"[It] would cast doubt on her promise to see to it that the 2004 national elections would be clean, orderly and credible," he said.

Osmeña agreed that Ms Macapagal "enjoys the advantages of the incumbency."

In a long-distance call from Dubai where he was guest of honor at the Independence Day rites there, Osmeña said the incumbent was expected to mobilize all resources to ensure victory at the polls.

"All the incumbent presidents who sought reelection, including the President's father Diosdado Macapagal who lost to [Ferdinand] Marcos, mobilized all the resources of the government," Osmeña said.

"But she will also carry the baggage of her incumbency, including the Peace Bonds scandal where her finance secretary, Isidro Camacho, used his office to divert P1 billion for private use, and the bribery scandal involving former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez," he added.

Gonzales was not among the 87 congressmen who earlier signed a petition calling on Ms Macapagal to reconsider her decision not to run.

He said he did not doubt "the sincerity of the President when she made the [Dec. 30] announcement."

The petition was initiated by Deputy Speaker for the Visayas Raul Gonzalez (NP, Iloilo City).

Gonzalez said yesterday he was hopeful that the local and international endorsements of a Macapagal candidacy were finding their mark.

"I'm hoping it should be 7 now," he said when asked if on a scale of 1-10, Ms Macapagal was reasonably expected to change her mind.

## 'Go Gloria'

Calls for the President to change her mind are continuing.

The latest to air their sentiments were town mayors, board members and other elected officials of Maguindanao, who met with her yesterday in Cotabato City.

In a petition titled "Go Gloria for 2004," Maguindanao leaders led by Gov. Andal Ampatuan said Ms Macapagal was "still the best leader [to] lead this country to true peace and progress."

Maguindanao Vice Gov. Datu Bimbo Sinsuat said Ampatuan handed the petition to the President during a closed-door meeting.

It was not immediately known how she reacted to the petition, which said "her complete understanding of the real needs of the masses and her ability to address these needs" were the main reasons why Muslim leaders wanted her to run in 2004.

In Pagadian City, at least six congressmen in the Zamboanga peninsula have been quoted as saying that the President should seek election.

Rep. Isidoro Real Jr., Lakas regional chair, told the INQUIRER of a supposedly growing clamor from the people in the region for her to run.

"Many of our constituents are happy with the performance of the President. They are urging her to change her mind and seek another term," Real said.

In San Fernando, Pampanga, former Huk leader Luis Taruc urged Kapampangans to convince the President to run.

Taruc, 89, chair of the 50,000-member Huk Veterans Association in Luzon, made the call on Thursday, during the city government's observance of Independence Day.

Speaking in Kapampangan, Taruc said Ms Macapagal was fit to lead because of her intelligence.

He said Pampanga's campaign for a Macapagal candidacy should start with letters to friends and relatives here and abroad, who should in turn send letters to the President to persuade her to change her mind.

Taruc said he would take his campaign to the hilt despite his old age. He said he and the President's late father were like brothers.

## 'Resolute'

Despite the Fitch downgrading, Bunye said the President was "resolute" about not running.

"She'd rather concentrate on what needs to be done because there is little time left in her term," Bunye added.

In her statement, Ms Macapagal said it was "regretful" that Fitch had downgraded the Philippines' credit rating "without giving proper weight to the valiant efforts of our people to shore up and maintain the stability of the economy."

But she said that the downgrading was a temporary setback, and that "we will forge on."

Bunye said the Philippines' credit rating would continue to be stable.

He said the ballooning foreign debt was a cumulative result of debts incurred by past administrations starting from the Marcos regime.

"We're trying to manage," he said. "The [Department of Finance] is managing the debt [problem] quite well."

But the militant fisherfolk group Pamalakaya is not impressed with the "positive endorsement" by Fitch.

"The 80 million Filipino people should decide the fate of President Macapagal-Arroyo's political career, not an alien or any fly-by-night group like Fitch Ratings," said Pamalakaya information officer Gerry Albert Corpuz.

He said the agency merely echoed US President George W. Bush's support for Ms Macapagal to sustain a "bogus clamor" for her running in 2004.

"Fitch Ratings has joined the bandwagon of apologists in fabricating domestic and international opinion supporting a Macapagal presidency beyond 2004. It is helping the US and its local lieutenants in orchestrating a major buildup for [Ms Macapagal's] political stake," he said.

Corpuz also said the President would not win in 2004 "because the Filipino electorate will not entertain second thoughts of ending her political ambition through ballots, widespread protests and the battle over public opinion." *With reports from Michael Lim Ubac and Norman Bordadora in Manila; Edwin O. Fernandez, Julie S. Alipala, Hernan P. de la Cruz and Jeffrey P. Maningo, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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# Expert says drug test not fool-proof

**By Christian Esguerra and Luige Del Puerto**

A FORENSIC expert has warned the Philippine National Police to be careful whom they brand drug users.

Dr. Racquel Fortun of the University of the Philippines gave this piece of unsolicited advice to the PNP in connection with its controversial drug testing program, saying the police officers found positive for drug use could be innocent.

Fortun said the PNP's drug testing method would always have a significant possibility for error even as PNP officials had claimed the system was flawless.

"In a general sense, I don't think there's a scientific test in which results are a hundred percent error-free," she told the INQUIRER.

"Our officials should remember that a person's life and career are at stake here. They should better be careful."

Fortun said that the PNP Crime Laboratory should make public its method of testing for drug use among men in uniform and to open the system to suggestions, even criticisms, within the forensic community.

Both anti-drug czar Edgar Aglipay and Chief Supt. Rolando Garcia had expressed full confidence on the drug test, insisting the method practically had no room for any error.

Aglipay said he was bent on pushing for the dismissal of the eight police officers who had been found positive for drug use in the initial examination conducted last Monday if the men were to fail the confirmatory test.

The system begins with a screen test that examines urine samples for traces of tetrahydrocannabinol and methylamphetamine which indicate that a person was using marijuana, shabu, and related substances.

The second stage or the "confirmatory test" will determine the exact banned substance found in the urine, PNP officials said.

## Root of drug problem

After Aglipay made the announcement that eight police officers had failed the drug test, the Manila's Finest Brother Association asked that the PNP go to the

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## LATE SPORTS

# *Phone Pals oust Kings*

**By June Navarro**

ANTIPOLO CITY—Talk N Text always ends up miserable when playing on a Friday the 13th. Not anymore.

The Phone Pals erased that stigma last night as they showed the Barangay Ginebra Kings the door, 99-86, in the quarterfinals of the Samsung-PBA All Filipino Cup at the Ynares Center here.

Asi Taulava was a tower of strength for his team, turning in his 17th double-double performance in the conference as the Phone Pals virtually clinched a seat in the best-of-five, crossover semifinals.

The Phone Pals, who lost all of their four previous outings on a Friday the 13th, will advance to the semifinals for only the third time in 15 quarterfinal appearances in franchise history.

Coca-Cola barged into the semifinals and joined the Phone Pals in the next round after trouncing Batang Red Bull, 80-79, in the other game.

As the top semifinal qualifier in Group B, the Tigers will meet the No. 2 team in the other division in a best-of-five series. The Phone Pals, on the other hand, tackle best quarterfinal finisher in Group A.

# Actress hurt in SLEX car-truck collision

CASTILLEJO

ACTRESS and former tennis champion Jackie Castillejo was slightly injured in a car accident early yesterday morning at the South Luzon Expressway.

Castillejo was driving her Nissan Sentra (PNS 332) on the southbound lane when one of her car's tires blew out on Kilometer 25, Barangay Mayanan, Muntinlupa at around 4 a.m., said PO3 Leonardo Erfe.

Castillejo lost control of the car, which skidded to the left edge of the road and crashed into a railing. An approaching container truck, driven by Ferdinand Sison then hit the car's right side bumper.

Castillejo only broke some of her fingers and suffered minor bruises because she was wearing her seatbelt, Investigator Adriano Campo said.

Castillejo, a character actress and former national women's tennis champion, is the older sister of sports reporter Dyan Castillejo. *Edson Tandoc*

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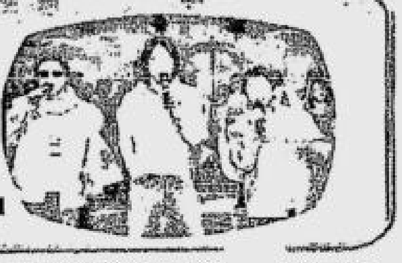
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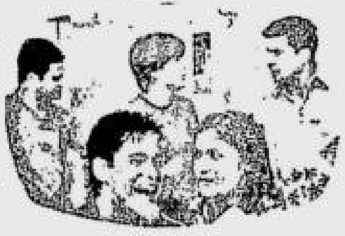
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# Fire official in hot water for malicious remark

**By Amy Remo**

A CITY fire marshal has filed charges against a colleague for making malicious remarks in Quezon City.

In an affidavit filed with the Quezon City Prosecutor's Office on Thursday, Agapito Nacario, fire marshal of the Caloocan Fire Station accused Mario Cruz, chief logistic officer from the Office of the Regional Fire Marshal, of intriguing against honor and engaging in grave misconduct.

According to the complaint, Cruz met Nacario at the RFM office about 2:30 p.m. on June 6, and asked the complainant: "*Balato naman sa nayari mo sa sunog* (Give me a share of the loot you collected at the fire scene)."

Nacario said he blew his top for he never expected such vulgar remarks from a fellow fire officer. Nacario said even his companion, Ramon Giron, admonished Cruz for the rude remark.

The INQUIRER tired to reach Cruz for comment but he was not available.

Nacario added that Cruz allegedly did not stop and continued to ask him for "balato" from the P100,000 Nacario supposedly had gotten from the Civil Service.

He said he almost lost his temper when he heard the last remark and had come close to punching Cruz if not for the intervention of another companion, Elino Nell, who also stood as a witness to the incident.

Nacario claimed that Cruz's remarks indicated utmost disrespect and misbehavior toward him, motivated by ill feelings and professional jealousy.

Nacario said that such unkind remarks could damage the reputation he had painstakingly built for himself and for his fellow firemen over the years.

# Drug test not fool-proof

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root of the drug problem.

SPO2 Virgo Villareal, vice chair of the Brotherhood, told the INQUIRER that they believe top government officials are coddling drug syndicates, and these officials should be the ones rooted out from the system, along with the syndicates.

"Drug addiction is a secondary problem," Villareal said. "The problem is that there are syndicates who pay government officials. They should be hunted down ... that is, if (police officials) were sincere in solving this problem."

Villareal said top officials might be behind the drug menace since the problem had gone this far.

But Villareal offered no proof to back his allegation.

Villareal argued that drug tests on policemen do not solve the problem. He said drug testing and several other gimmicks merely divert the attention of the public from the real problem.

Villareal earlier told the INQUIRER that the drug testing had dragged down policemen's morale.

He said the police officers found positive for drug use should be investigated first.

"We don't know who they are," he said. "We have not heard their side. Let them speak so we can find out what really happened."

## Super drug agency

The PNP has announced that it was in the process of creating a "super" anti-illegal drug special operation group.

The PNP said the drug monitoring units of the five police districts in Metro Manila would be dissolved.

Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay will head the task force, said Juanito de Guzman, Western Police District's deputy director for Administration.

But De Guzman clarified that the task force would only serve as a support group to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

He said the PDEA would still be the lead agency in the country's campaign against drugs, and the new unit would take over the WPD-DMU's operations.

### BF AFTER 1 YEAR

# *Building character, breaking barriers, cutting down trees*

**By Leila Salaverria**

THERE'S more to urban building than meets the eye: There's character.

Listing down his accomplishments after a year as Metro Manila Development Authority chair, Bayani Fernando, in an interview yesterday, said that the public's improved consciousness of the surroundings, discipline, and a more optimistic view of a government agency were his greatest accomplishments in office.

Fernando assumed office as MMDA chair, in charge of the National Capital Region, on June 17, 2002, after Malacañang announced his appointment on June 13 last year.

"We're building character," he said about his projects.

Fernando said he believed that the public has become more conscious of the surroundings through his projects.

He was referring to his controversial sidewalk clearing campaign to improve pedestrian traffic, a project that has earned him both cheers and jeers.

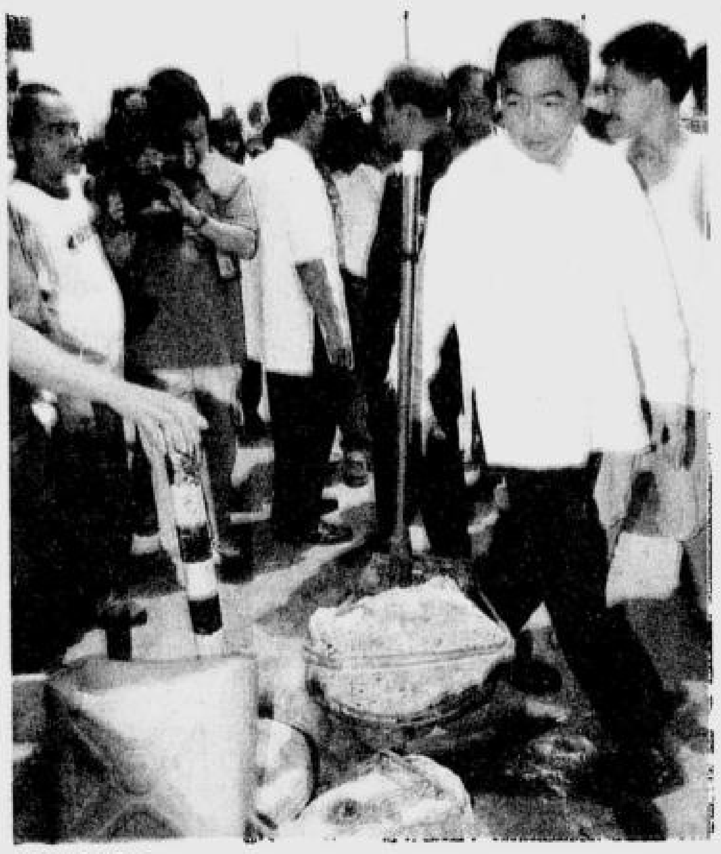
Also through his projects, the public has learned more discipline, said Fernando.

"They've learned to establish the limits of one's rights."

Fernando also thinks that the public has developed a better perception of the MMDA.

"There has been a consciousness of government, what government can do," he said.

In January, Fernando was also appointed Public Works and Highways Secretary in a concurrent capacity with his MMDA post. But he resigned three months later, saying questions about the legality of his dual posts brought about his move.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Physical changes in the metropolis are also important, Fernando said.

"(Physical changes) bring about social responsibility (when the surroundings are in order)," he stressed.

He vowed to get more equipment for the agency and to improve its expertise.

Figures from the MMDA showed that travel time on major roads have improved, from 14.5 kph last year to 17.37 kph at the beginning of 2003.

The improvement has been attributed partly to the no left turn scheme, no crossing, and extended rotunda programs that the MMDA had implemented on key intersections. Some road islands were set for demolition to increase road space.

But the plan to remove the islands on Katipunan Avenue has drawn opposition from environmentalists who do not want the trees on the islands to be cut down. The issue has yet to be resolved, and the project has been put on hold.

Flooding of the streets of the metropolis has not been solved, but despite a heavy downpour a few weeks ago, floodwaters were not as high as they were before and had subsided faster than in past years, according to Fernando.

He has vowed to remove all illegal settlers on waterways and to recover Metro Manila's esteros from the trash.

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# Priests who lie are contemptible

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*Ramon Tulfo*

I NEARLY fell off my seat at the breakfast table when I read about the claim of Catholic Bishop Teodoro Buhain that he didn't sire a child with a woman who was not identified in the news report.

I also nearly choked on my food when I also read what Buhain said about the child being a product of artificial insemination.

Virgin birth, huh, Bishop?

* * *

**You can ask any employee at Radio Veritas when Buhain was still its president who the woman is. I was one of the employees of that Catholic radio station.**

**In the early 1990s, the woman who was rumored to be Buhain's girlfriend was very pretty, fair-skinned, the *mahinhin* or quiet type, and in her mid-20s.**

**She was Buhain's secretary. And her name is Cora.**

* * *

I am not used to exposing another man's philandering since I would be exposing myself to counter-accusations.

But I feel that, as a Catholic, I had to do this since Buhain has denied having had any relationship with any woman. I find it contemptible for a man of the cloth to lie.

The bishop was quoted by another clergyman, Msgr. Nico Bautista, as having said he was being accused of something that was "not true" but which people could be talking about.

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**Buhain compounded his fault by telling a lie like what his *tocayo*, Bishop Teodoro Bacani, did.**

**Bacani denies he sexually harassed his former secretary. But what would a woman get from accusing a man of the cloth of sexual molestation?**

* * *

Quezon City residents are cheering and thanking Metro Manila Development Authority chair Bayani Fernando for his non-stop efforts to clear major roads of all obstructions, to speed up vehicle flow by imaginative U-turn slots and to return the sidewalks to pedestrians.

What city leaders had failed to do, Fernando has done with admirable dispatch.

For example, he has cleared **both sides of Commonwealth Avenue, the widest avenue in the country, of all illegal structures, squatter shanties and obstructive signs of gasoline stations and other business establishments.**

**Not even a Catholic church which ate up a portion of Commonwealth Ave. between the Sandiganbayan building and Payatas area was spared by Fernando's wrecking crew.**

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However, there are wrongs that need to be put to right, which Fernando seems to have overlooked or to which he has turned a blind eye.

Firstly, whenever there is a mass at the St. Peter's Church, which stands between Ever Gotesco and the Sandiganbayan building, churchgoers park their vehicles on two to three lanes of Commonwealth Avenue. This results in a monstrous traffic slowdown in that area. The church was ill-designed because the pillars at the entrance are barely a meter away from the electrical post that marks the edge of the street. MMDA traffic enforcers should strictly prohibit parking in front of the church.

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**Secondly, people familiar with Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City will not fail to notice that as one goes down the Tandang Sora overpass coming from the Sandiganbayan area, the width of the avenue narrows right in front of the New Era University and the Iglesia ni Cristo church.**

**This is so because about two to three lanes are used as passageways to the Iglesia ni Cristo complex.**

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Thirdly, several business establishments along Scout Borromeo near the corner of Quezon Avenue have unashamedly appropriated sidewalks along their stores as parking slots.

In flagrant disregard of the need of pedestrians for sidewalks, they have painted their sidewalks with bold yellow lines to mark the parking slots.

If fruit vendors between Mercury Drugstore and Tropical Hut had the common sense and decency to move back their stalls to provide a sidewalk for shoppers, why can't the bigger establishments do likewise?

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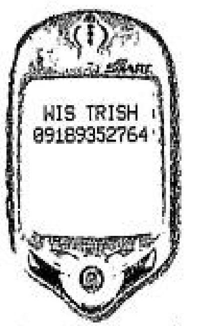

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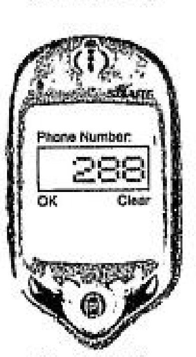

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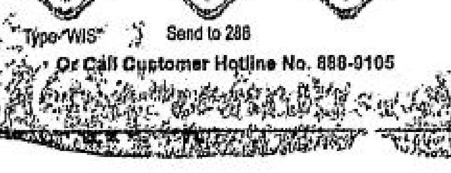
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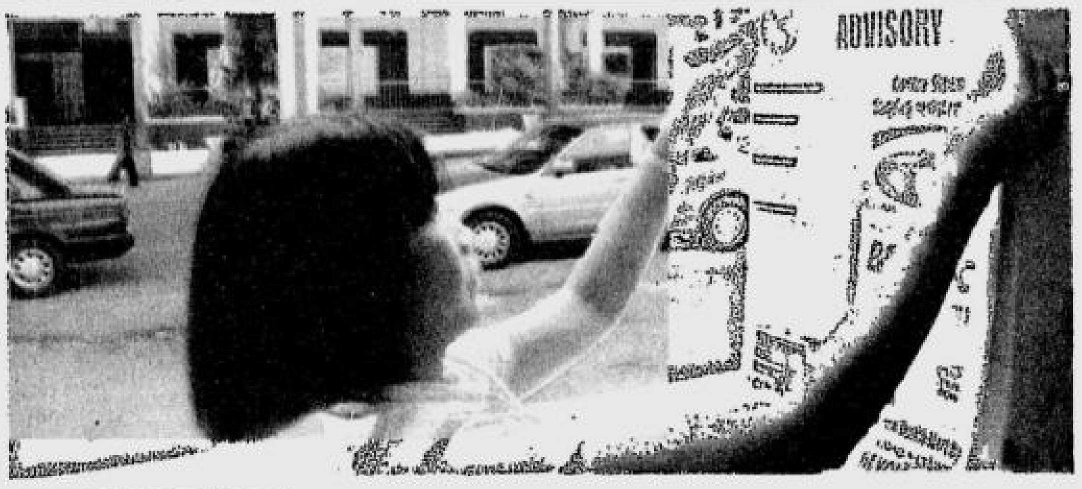

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A teacher of the Manuel A. Roxas High School in Quezon City gets ready for the resumption of regular classes on Monday. Classes have given way to a week-long SARS information campaign, which ended yesterday.
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# LRT urged to stop risking lives of train commuters

**By Margaux Ortiz**

FIVE taxpayers yesterday filed a petition early this week to restrain the Light Rail Transit Authority from further endangering the lives of 350,000 commuters who ride its trains daily.

In their petition, Joselito Manahan, Arnulfo Soriano, Rico To-ong, Marites Balderian, and Aldrin Pedron, said that apart from reading about the present state of the LRT in different publications in the past month, they have experienced for themselves the inconveniences and glitches in the LRT operation, which imperil LRT's commuters every day.

Petitioners said that they made inquiries on how the trains were maintained and found out that the accidents in the LRT line 1 system had resulted from the absence of a competent maintenance contractor after the LRTA's contract with Transurb-Technirail has expired.

The LRTA hired the services Transurb-Technirail in August 2000 to maintain its LRT line 1.

With the expiration of the contract on April 30, 2003, LRTA assumed the maintenance work and hired 350 personnel to undertake the task of preserving the good condition of LRT line 1.

The LRTA is also currently in the process of evaluating the prequalification of the bidders for the maintenance contract of the LRT line 1 system. The contract will be awarded on July 1.

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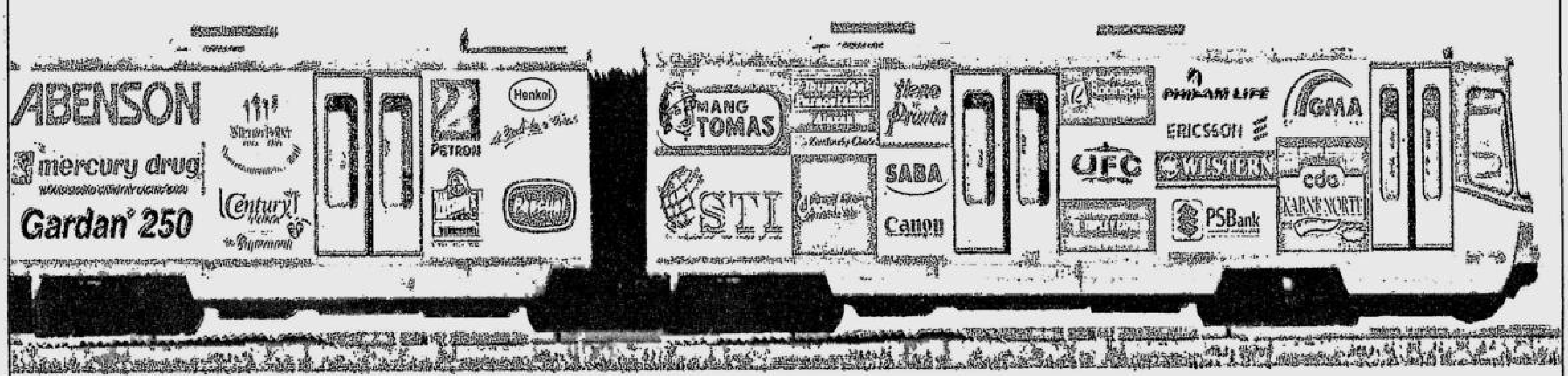

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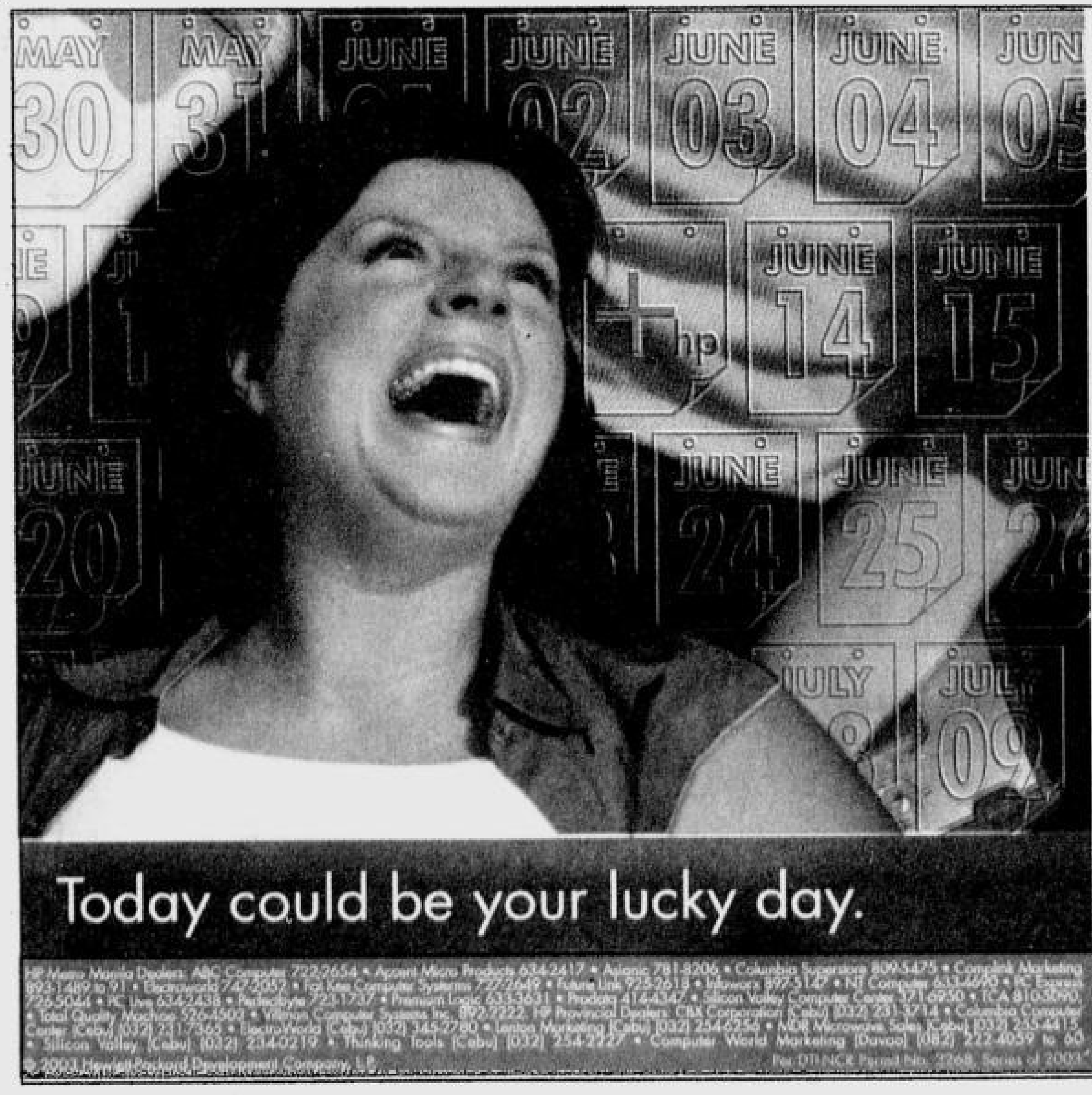

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# For 125 families, streets are home

**FRIDAY THE 13TH**
The body of Santiago Francisco, 37, has been covered with black plastic, shortly after the man was killed in a grenade explosion inside his house in Quezon City yesterday, Friday the 13th. JOAN BONDOC

By Tarra Quismundo

THE STREETS have become home to residents of a demolished compound in Caloocan City. --

About 125 families of 6th Avenue corner F. Roxas Street yesterday spent the day sleeping, eating, cooking, and washing their laundry on the street. Members of the demolition team that razed their houses were on holiday.

Tables, chairs, beds, altars, kitchen utensils, and sheets of plywood which used to be walls of shanties occupy the street in front of the compound.

Some homes remain standing, but some have no roof, or door or windows or walls.

Their former owners are still trying to salvage pieces of wood that could be used to build new shanties.

Benjamin Castillo Sr. can still remember the day he first arrived at the compound in 1946.

"I was 3 years old, and there were only about 10 houses here," Castillo said in Filipino. "Those factories were not here then, and the land was green with tall wild grasses."

Castillo's family was among the first dwellers of the compound. He and his four siblings grew up in a shanty his parents had built.

His five children and 14 grandchildren are now homeless.

Caloocan City Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo said that the government has no obligation to relocate them.

"The land they illegally occupied is privately owned," Malonzo told the INQUIRER in a phone interview. "They are not covered by law."

He said that the city government was only following a long overdue court order to demolish the shanties.

SKS Construction and Development now owns the property.

The homeless families are calling on President Macapagal-Arroyo to help them find a relocation site.

Cecilia Cruz of the Caloocan Urban Poor Affairs Office said on Thursday that SKS won the property because they offered a higher bid.

An appeal for a temporary restraining order against the demolition which the residents filed is pending at the Court of Appeals. The residents claimed that the demolition should have been postponed while the case is still pending in court.

UPAO said consultations were held before city officials carried out the demolition order, and residents had accepted a financial compensation.

"They think they can buy our rights," Castillo said. "We had no choice because, whether we accept the money or not, our houses would still be demolished."

Each family received P3,500, while each homeowner received P15,000.

Residents said the money they were given was not even enough to pay a month's rent.

The residents said they would be living in the street indefinitely, since they have no resources to find new homes.

"School is opening on Monday and I don't know what will happen to the children now that we are homeless," Castillo said.

The demolition team will be back to finish the demolition also on Monday.

# Maganto's men recover stolen van

By Michael Lim Ubac

A RED Mitsubishi Adventure '98 model van, which was reported stolen on May 26 in Quezon City, has been recovered by men under Chief Supt. Romeo Maganto.

Maganto's men, in coordination with the Mandaluyong City Police Station, recovered the van with Plate No. WCG-387 in a slum area in Mandaluyong on Sunday.

The van was formally turned over on Thursday to owner Rachel Eunice Buenafe following a two-week intensive search by Maganto's men.

The vehicle was in good shape, but its stereo and air-conditioning system were stolen.

Buenafe thanked Maganto, saying the recovery of her van restored her family's faith in the police.

Maganto said that intelligence report gathered by his men showed that the van was to be used in a series of bank robberies in Metro Manila.

## THE DAILY GOSPEL

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Gospel: Mt 5:33-37

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Commentary

*Jesus' followers have no need of oaths to confirm the veracity of their statements. Truthfulness is a hallmark of Christian holiness. We lie to avoid embarrassment, to gain undeserved profit, honor or position, or to avoid the punishment our actions deserve. Why do we have to? The Father has given each one of us different gifts. It is ours to discover them, hone them, and use them to serve others. Envy and jealousy only create bitterness and anger. They distract us from focusing on what the Father wants us to be. Along the way we can make mistakes. But the Father knows we are not perfect. Sometimes we do wrong willfully. He is ready to forgive. We can lose everything but the love of the Father . . . and we're still OK!*

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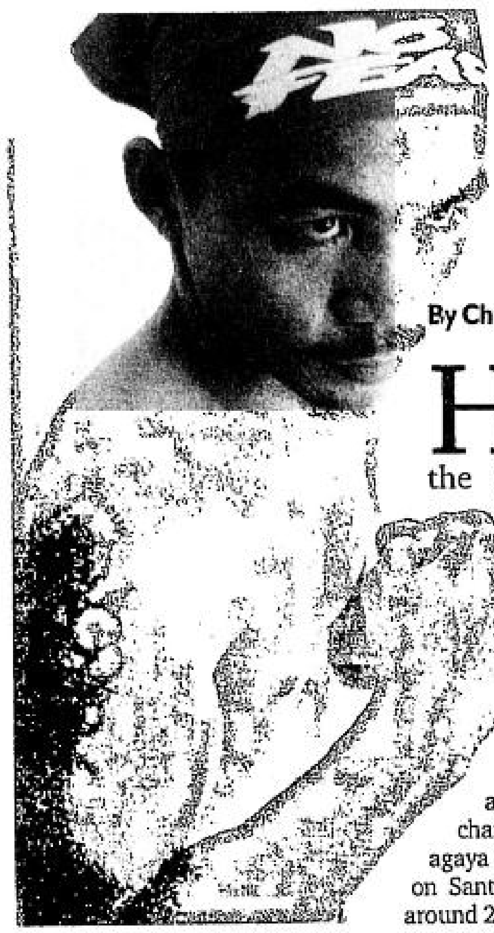
PACQUIAO: The married champ probably took the refusal as a wayward punch. During his rampage, he broke bottles and glasses at the bar, destroyed a table and overturned several motorcycles at the parking area, police and witnesses said.
VAL HANDUMON

## SINGER DRAWS CHAMP'S FURY

# Snubbed Pacquiao loses it

**By Christian V. Esguerra**

HELL hath no fury than a drunken and snubbed Manny Pacquiao. A bar singer unleashed the beast in the IBF superbantamweight champion when she refused to go out with him in General Santos City early yesterday morning.

Angered after getting no for an answer, Pacquiao broke bottles, smashed a table, and hurled chairs inside the Mamagaya bar and restaurant on Santiago Boulevard at around 2 a.m., police said.

A singer named Normie caught the attention of a drunken Pacquiao immediately after he and his nine companions arrived at the place two hours earlier, according to the report of Chief Insp. Maximo Layugan.

After doing her number, the singer agreed to join Pacquiao's group, police said.

But when Pacquiao told her that he wanted to take her out, the girl declined and explained that she was "already married and was not working for outside business," investigation showed.

The married champ probably took the refusal as a wayward punch.

The police report said Pacquiao rose from his seat and began smashing bottles of beer. He broke a total of six on top of seven glasses.

Frightened customers scampered out of the restaurant while no one tried to stop the rampaging Pacquiao.

On his way out of the restaurant, the boxer destroyed the table at the security post and overturned four motorcycles at the parking area, bar manager Maisalan Diga, 26, told investigators.

Some customers said police did nothing to confront Pacquiao when they arrived. A policeman was later overheard telling Pacquiao to go home because many media people were watching. A reporter said Pacquiao replied: "That's not a problem. I know all of them."

The bar owner, Iraqi-born Belgian national Wahid Koubaisy, later informed police that he was no longer interested in filing charges against Pacquiao.

Pacquiao, he said, had already settled his bill including the cost of damages worth P4,555.

The incident was the latest black mark in the career of Pacquiao who was criticized several months ago by the Philippine Sportswriters Association for snubbing the PSA Awards where he was honored as co-Athlete of the Year with equestrienne Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski.

Reports said Pacquiao purposely missed the PSA Awards after losing a lot of money in a billiards match.

Another problem hounding Pacquiao is his inability to get a US visa so he can leave early to begin training in California for his title defense against Mexican Emmanuel Lucero on July 26. *With a report from Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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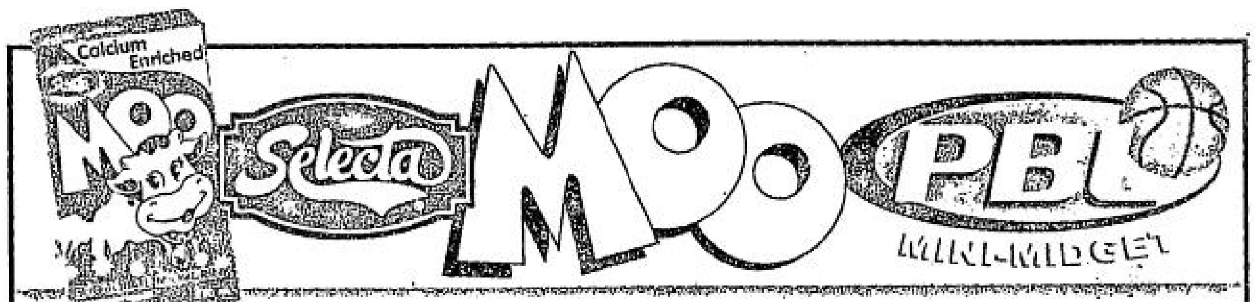

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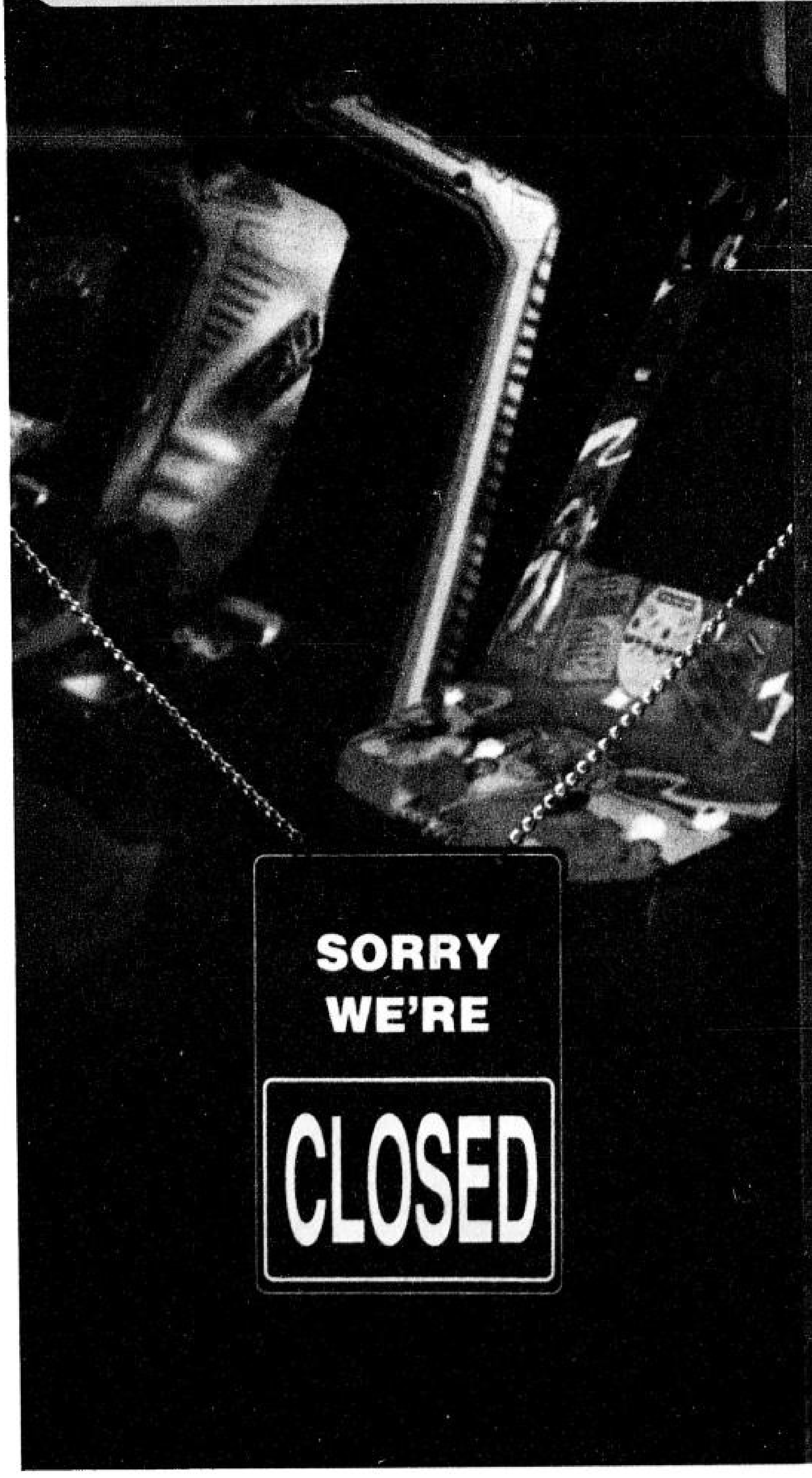

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# Hapee, Viva seek pivotal win today

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4 p.m.—Hapee vs Viva (Game 3)
Head-to-head (best-of-five)
Viva 64 Hapee 57 (Game One)
Hapee 52 Viva 43 (Game Two)

By Dennis U. Eroa

HAPEE Toothpaste and Viva Mineral Water gun for the pivotal second win today in Game Three of the Sunkist PBL Unity Cup best-of-five title series at the Pasig Sports Center.

The game was originally set at the newly built Pasay Sports Complex, but deputy PBL Commissioner Tommy Ong said ongoing excavations around the complex forced them to transfer the venue to Pasig.

Viva shocked Hapee in Game One, 64-57, but the Sparklers evened up matters with a masterful 52-43 triumph in Game Two last Tuesday.

Game Three is set at 4 p.m., after the 2 p.m. do-or-die clash for the midgets plum between Selecta Moo and Hapee.

Former PBL coach of the year Leo Austria, who owns three PBL titles while coaching Shark and Welcoat, said today's winner would likely end up as champion.

"The winner of the third game in a best-of-five series gains an advantage which will be very hard to overcome," said Austria, who had beaten Junel Baculi, now Hapee coach, thrice in a title series.

Welcoat swept Hapee in three games in the recent Challenge Cup.

"Hapee was able to match Viva's aggressiveness in the second game. Hapee knows how to win and Viva should keep its focus," Austria said.

Viva's main weapon, according to Austria, is its nothing-to-lose attitude and the discipline instilled by coach Koy Banal.

Baculi said all the "aces" will come out in the third game.

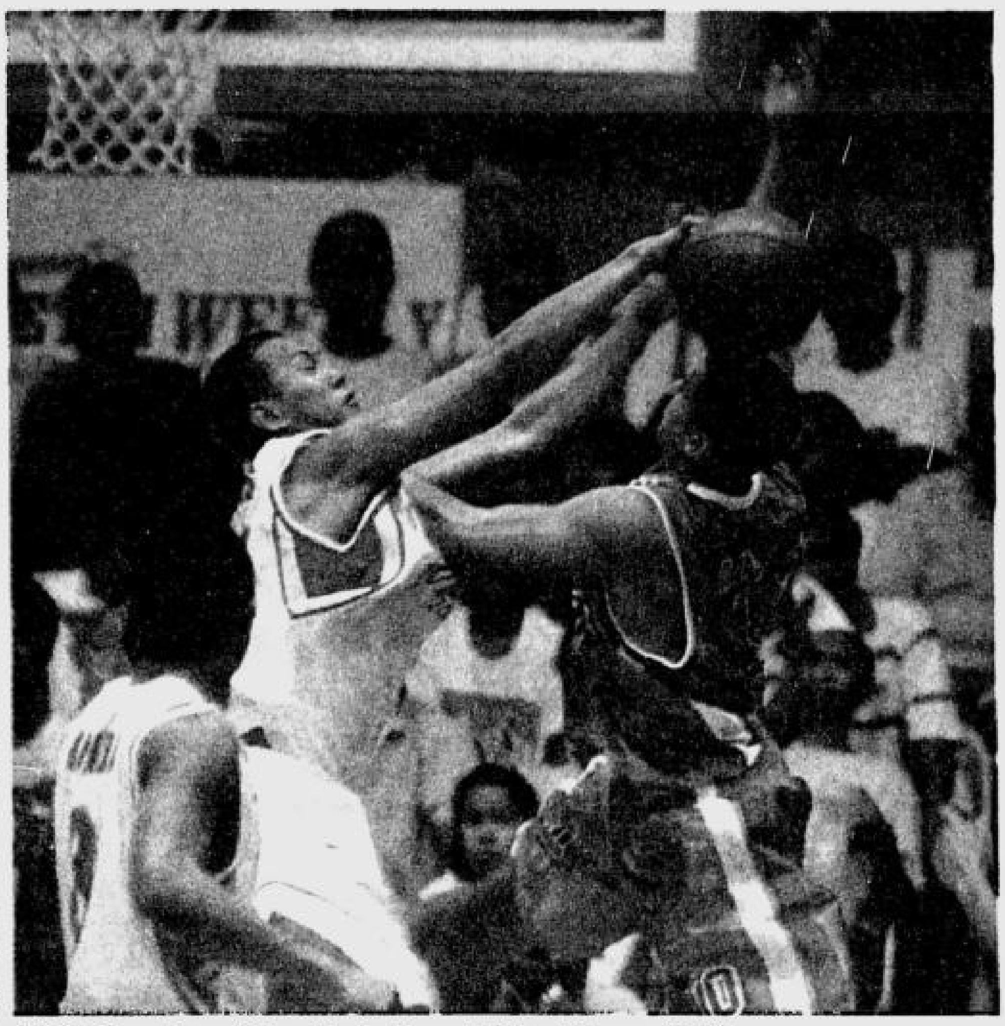
"Viva will play tougher but we're ready. Our killer instinct will spell the difference," Baculi said.

Hapee boasts of an experienced lineup made up of Rich Alvarez, LA Tenorio, Wesley Gonzales, Alwyn Espiritu, Allan Salangsang, Peter Simon, Nino Gelig, Ryan Dy and Eugene Tan.

Banal said his charges became tentative in Game Two as exemplified by the two-point performance of point guard Dennis Miranda, who suddenly lost his touch.

"Being young and inexperienced aren't excuses," Banal said.

Viva is composed mostly of standouts from Far Eastern University and Banal hopes the Unity Cup would be a great learning experience for the Tamaraws in the coming UAAP season.


VIVA'S Gerard Jones foils a drive by Hapee's Richard Alvarez (right). JESS YUSON

# Torion pleas for PBA reinstatement

By June Navarro

RED Bull playmaker Jimwell Torion, the only player who admitted his guilt after flunking in a random drug test more than a month ago, the other day submitted a plea to the PBA commissioner's office asking the league for an immediate evaluation of his case that hopefully would pave the way for his reinstatement.

PBA Commissioner Noli Eala, upon receiving Torion's plea and certificate attesting that he had undergone drug counseling, said he would study Torion's case first as he declined to give a definite timetable if and when would the reinstatement proceedings be held.

"I'm glad that Jimwell has complied with the requirements. It shows his sincerity to never again take prohibited drugs and continue his fruitful career in the PBA," said Eala.

Still, Torion has to go through a series of physical and psychological tests conducted by the league in partnership with the Department of Health before the PBA could free him from any liability.

The results of those tests plus the drug counseling certificate issued by Life Management Inc., a DOH-accredited rehabilitation center in Makati, will be principal ingredients for Torion's reinstatement.

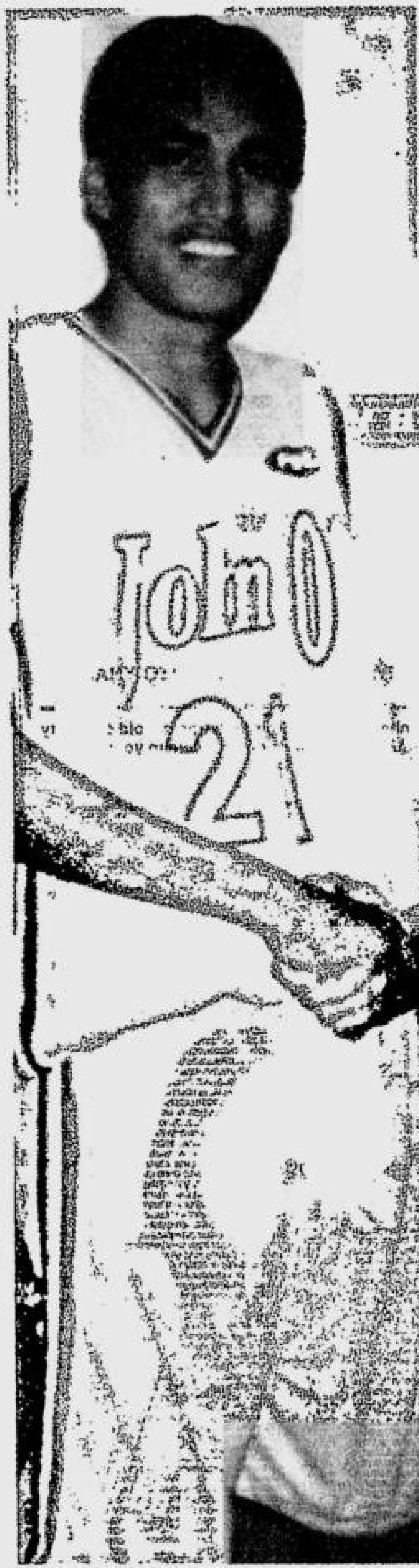
Pressed if he's bent on giving Torion an early evaluation now that the Cebuano pointguard has undergone rehab, Eala safely told the INQUIRER: "I'll just inform you as soon as I come up with a decision."

When Eala handed Torion's indefinite suspension more than a month back, the commissioner had pegged the evaluation of his case in August at the earliest or after the mid-season Asian Invitationals.

But since Torion has showed his seriousness in complying with the requirements, sources said that an early reinstatement, much ahead of what was scheduled, is in the offing.

That sounds good news to the Thunder, who, since the suspension of Torion and Davonn Harp, struggled in the ongoing PBA All Filipino Cup.

"We are trying to adjust to the situation. But frankly speaking, *ang hirap talaga manalo kapag wala si Vonn at Jimwell,"* said Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao.



EMAN: Tallest aspirant.

# 6-9 Eman joins RP training pool

By Roy Luarca

THERE'S always room for more height.

With this in mind, the Philippine team coaching staff, headed by Aric del Rosario, tapped 6-foot-9 Samigue Eman to join the national men's basketball training pool.

Eman, a prized find from the University of Mindanao who played for John O in the Sunkist PBL Unity Cup, was taken in last week after an impressive showing in the Nationals' tune-up game against the San Sebastian College Stags. The Nationals won, 88-78.

The 20-year-old Eman thus becomes the tallest among the 23 players contesting slots to the RP team tasked to defend its Southeast Asian Games crown in Vietnam in December.

"He (Eman) is very raw, but has a lot of potential," said RP Team assistant coach Dong Vergeire. "You can't teach height. Definitely, he'll be of help."

Eman dwarfed other RP pool frontliners like Marc Pingris (6-foot-6), Ranidel Ocampo (6-5), Alwin Espiritu (6-5) Gerard Jones (6-5), Nino Canaleta (6-5), Mark Isip (6-5), Ronald Allan Capati (6-5), Al Magpayo (6-5), Bernzon Franco (6-4) and Rich Alvarez (6-4).

The other candidates are James Yap (6-3), Wesley Gonzales (6-4), Willie Wilson (6-3), Emerson Oreta (6-3), Peter June Simon (6-0), Paul Artadi (6-0), Loreto Soriano (5-10), Mike Bravo (6-2), Dondon Villamin (6-3), Celino Cruz (5-8), Dennis Madrid (5-9) and Jemal Vizcarra (6-1).

Due to the cancellation of the 5th Southeast Asia Basketball Association Men's Championship in Manila because of the SARS scare last month, RP-Cebuana Lhuillier is slated to compete in the 22nd Asian Basketball Confederation Men's Championship set in China in September.

Businessman-sportsman Jean Henri Lhuillier has been designated by the Basketball Association of the Philippines to be the RP men's team manager.

LA SALLE versus Ateneo: Collegiate basketball's most remarkable rivalry. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

# Champions League Grudge Games get going June 17

By Dennis U. Eroa

THE BEST of the country's collegiate caging will compete in the 2003 Champions League Grudge Games starting on June 17 at the Makati Coliseum.

Commissioner Ramon Fernandez said the event hopes to bring back memories of remarkable rivalries which have become part of the country's basketball lore.

"We hope to recall even for a brief period of time memorable cage encounters between the best collegiate teams in the country," Fernandez told yesterday's SCOOP session at the Kamayan Restaurant in West Avenue.

Among the rivalries Fernandez mentioned were La Salle-Letran, San Beda-Ateneo and La Salle-Ateneo.

University of the East topped last year's event which was originally named Challenge of Champions.

The Grudge Games, according to Fernandez, will decide the nine schools which will be seeded to the tournament proper in November.

Joining Fernandez in the forum was Joe Lipa, chair of the organizing One Ball Corp.

# Gligoric

**SPECTATOR**

*Al S. Mendoza*

HERE is bad news: Svetozar Gligoric (pronounced Gligorits), the dean of chess grandmasters in Europe, lost his valuables a while back when thieves broke into his apartment. His valuables included trophies won on the international chess front.

Here is good news. Svetozar Gligoric, the well-loved GM from Yugoslavia, got back his valuables in the form of money—thanks to the city officials of Belgrade. Officials converted into cash the trophies and other belongings lost in the heist.

Here is the better news. Svetozar Gligoric is being treated well by the city government, which considers the chess legend a monument in motion.

Here is the best news. Svetozar Gligoric, maybe well into his 80s and maybe in the twilight of his life, is hale and hearty.

I got all that from Zoran Radovic, the man from Fiba who was a recent Manila visitor of Graham Lim's of the Basketball Association of the Philippines.

Remember him, don't you?

Zoran Radovic grew up in Belgrade and became one of Yugoslavia's most popular basketball personalities. He played off and on for the Yugoslavia national team from 1982 to 1999. Twice he played in the World Championship, Yugoslavia finishing third each time. Thrice he played in the European championship, Yugoslavia finishing champion once, third once and once out of the medal race.

Zoran giving me the lowdown on Svetozar Gligoric a while back brought back a flood of memories.

It was the '70s and chess was having a great time in the country. The chess boom was on, thanks mainly to Florencio Campomanes.

Of course it mattered that Eugene Torre would soon become Asia's first grandmaster after Eugene's brilliant performance in the 1974 Nice (France) Chess Olympiad. Eugene's name was on everybody's lips the minute news filtered in that he won his GM title in Nice. There was no news more spirit-lifting than that, coming at a time when the nation was gripped by a terror known as martial law.

But it was Campo's guts and fierce defiance of the odds that captured the fancy of a populace bracing itself for what was then perceived as the darkest hour of democracy.

Back then, any attempt at attracting a crowd to an event was virtually taboo; it was considered rebellion. Three was a company. You don't gather two plus one in a public place or you are inviting military ire, if not outright arrest.

But Campo, the brilliant tactician that he is, knew where he stood.

First, Campo lured then world Chess champion Bobby Fischer to do the ceremonial moves opening the breakthrough Marlboro Chess Classic at the Cubao Big Dome, with no less than Marcos seated opposite Fischer on the checkered board. That was a coup d grace like no other, an event that set the chess world on fire.

Second, Campo brought chess tournaments to the countryside, with no less than the world's top grandmasters from Europe, the United States and South America in attendance. Former world champions like Petrosyan, Spassky and Tahl came to the country, sometimes with boring consistency; they'd soon become like our own adopted sons. Oh, how I rubbed elbows with them and many other greats like Kavalek, Ljubojevic, Larsen, Browne, Keene, Polugaevsky, Portisch, Levi and Mecking. Soon enough, we were calling each other on first-name basis. One Argentine grandmaster, Miguel Quinteros, even went on to marry a sister of Gloria Diaz, the former Miss Universe.

And, yes, Petrosyan and I having a pose together, and snapped by the late Bob Dungo, remains as one of my most prized possessions.

Third, Campo staged the world's biggest chess show ever in 1978, when he brought Anatoly Karpov and Victor Korchnoi together for the World Chess championship match in Baguio City. That was the mother of all chess matches, one that differentiated between madness and saneness, one that defined Korchnoi's trauma as opposed to Karpov's drama. Words like para-psychologist later made it into the chess lingo. Karpov, the saner of the two, prevailed after a grueling duel lasting almost two months.

Those were the days, my friend. To me, they never ended because of guys like Gligoric, who makes the past everlastingly memorable as a Manila Bay sunset on a gloomy day.

Ah, life. It's what you make yourself that makes it.

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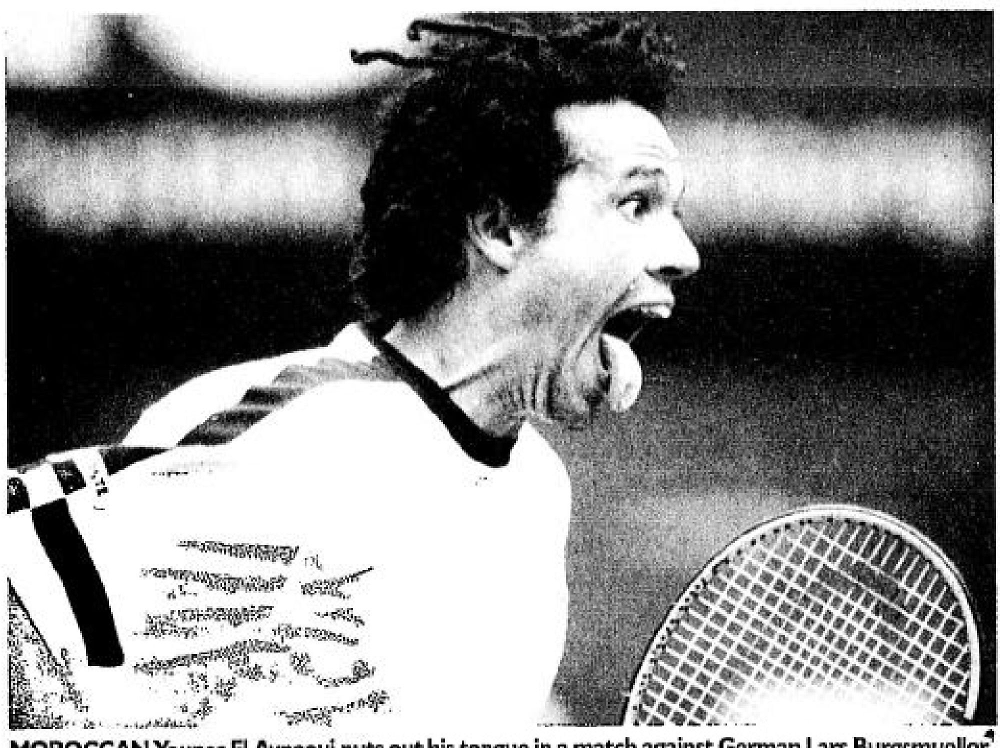
FASTBREAK. What is Boracay without golf at Fairways & Bluewater? Toti Carino's babe is both a must-see and a must-play. While Boracay is truly the beach to go to, a dip there would be incomplete if you skip a side trip to F & B, a jewel of a golf course in the world-famed Panay Island.



**MOROCCAN** Younes El Aynaoui puts out his tongue in a match against German Lars Burgsmueller, on the fourth day of the ATP Gerry Weber open in Halle. El Aynaoui won, 6-3, 6-3. AFP

# Stevenson and mom fall prey to robbers at hotel

BIRMINGHAM, England — Former Wimbledon semifinalist Alexandra Stevenson and her mother say they lost more and US$500 and other valuables in a hotel robbery.

The 22-year-old American, daughter of NBA legend Julius Erving, was beaten Wednesday in the DFS Classic, a grass-court warmup for Wimbledon.

She and her mother, Samantha, said they believe the robbery took place after they returned to the hotel early Wednesday evening.

STEVENSON

"It happened after we got back to the hotel at 7:30 p.m.," Samantha Stevenson said Thursday.

"I think Alexandra was targeted, as she was the only tennis player in the hotel."

They said wallets and credit cards were also taken from their hotel in Birmingham. *AP*

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# Agassi in mood for Wimbledon

LONDON—Andre Agassi looks ready to make another run at Wimbledon.

The second-seeded Agassi needed only 47 minutes Thursday to defeat '96 Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek, 6-1, 6-2, to move into the quarterfinals at the Queen's Club grass-court tournament.

Top-seeded Lleyton Hewitt and No. 3 Andy Roddick had tougher times advancing.

Defending champion Hewitt survived 21 aces to beat Belgian Dick Norman, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4, and the American overcame Briton Greg Rusedski ,6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Agassi faces Xavier Malisse of Belgium in the quarterfinals. Hewitt plays sixth-seeded Frenchman Sebastien Grosjean and Roddick goes against fellow American Taylor Dent.

In other third-round results, Grosjean defeated Todd Reid of Australia, 6-1, 6-4; Briton Tim Henman won over Cyril Saulnier of France, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-3; Malisse beat Marc Rosset of Switzerland, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Dent, seeded No. 11, beat Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands, 7-6 (6), 6-4, and Anthony Dupuis of France overcame Mario Ancic of Croatia, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (6).

Agassi has played Krajicek three times on grass and won all three.

"Today was going to be a great challenge for me, and it was important for me to go out there and feel good about my concentration, my shot selection, my execution," Agassi said.

"But I didn't expect him to only hold serve a couple of times. You never know what's going to happen. I was on his second serve pretty good so I kind of kept him under the gun."

Hewitt had his hands full against the 6-foot-8 (2.03-meter) Belgian left-hander and needed to save six break points in the ninth game of the final set to survive. *AP*

# *Raikkonen crashes new car*

MONTREAL—Championship leader Kimi Raikkonen owned up on Thursday to crashing McLaren's new Formula One car in testing last week but said it had not affected the team's plans for Sunday's Canadian Grand Prix.

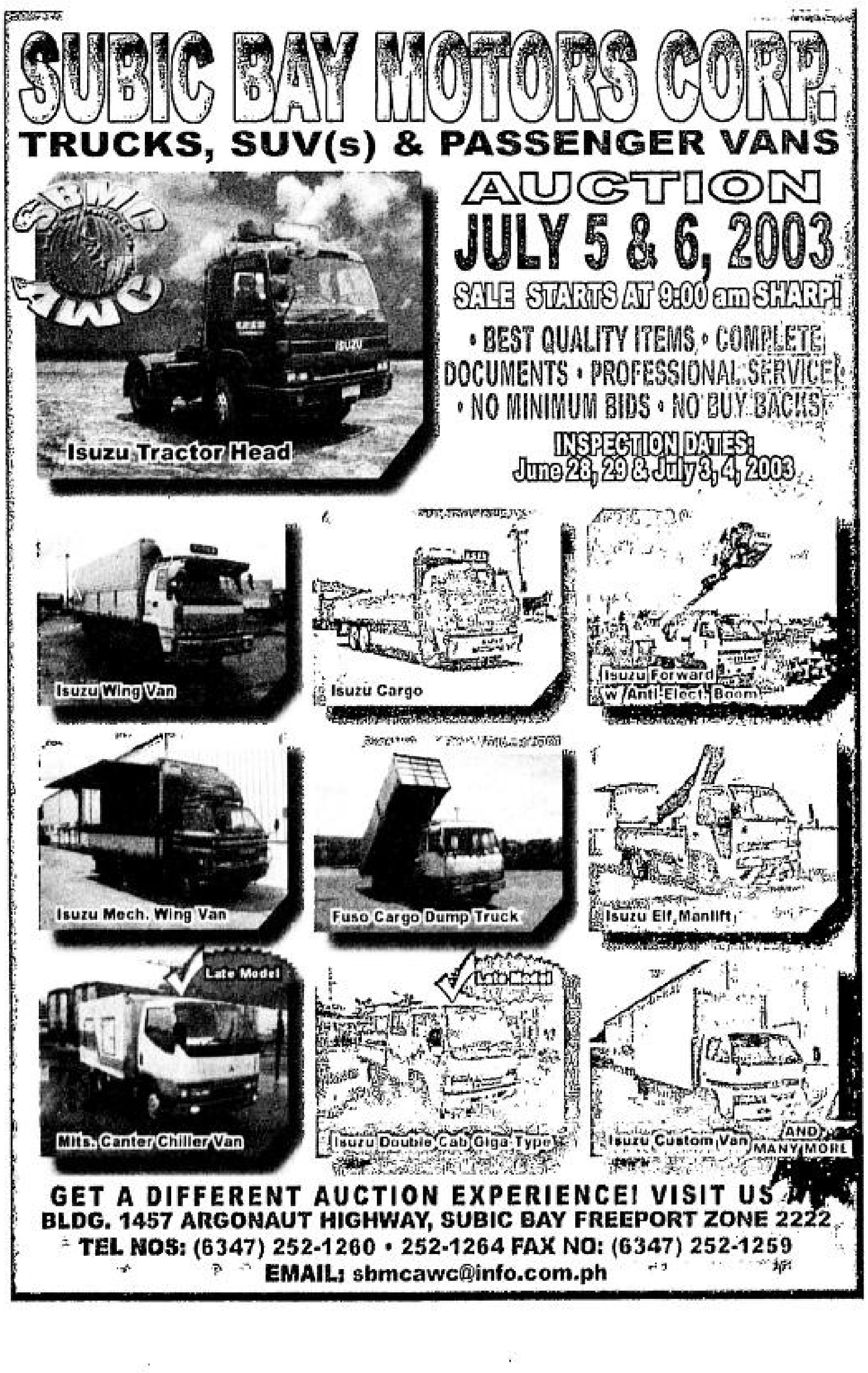
"I had a shunt in Barcelona," the Finn told a news conference. "But I didn't hurt myself and you can always fix the car."

Raikkonen, who leads Ferrari's world champion Michael Schumacher by four points at the halfway stage in the season, was coy about how badly damaged the car was.

But British teammate David Coulthard said the Finn had crashed heavily in the test.

"It was a pretty big accident, I have to say, he was very lucky to go backwards," he said. "I was there at the corner. I very rarely go and watch on track and I just got into my position up against the concrete wall at the last corner and I thought 'this will be fun, to see the car at high speed.'"

McLaren has been competing with a development of last year's car while waiting for their far more radical new model to be reliable enough to race. *Reuters*



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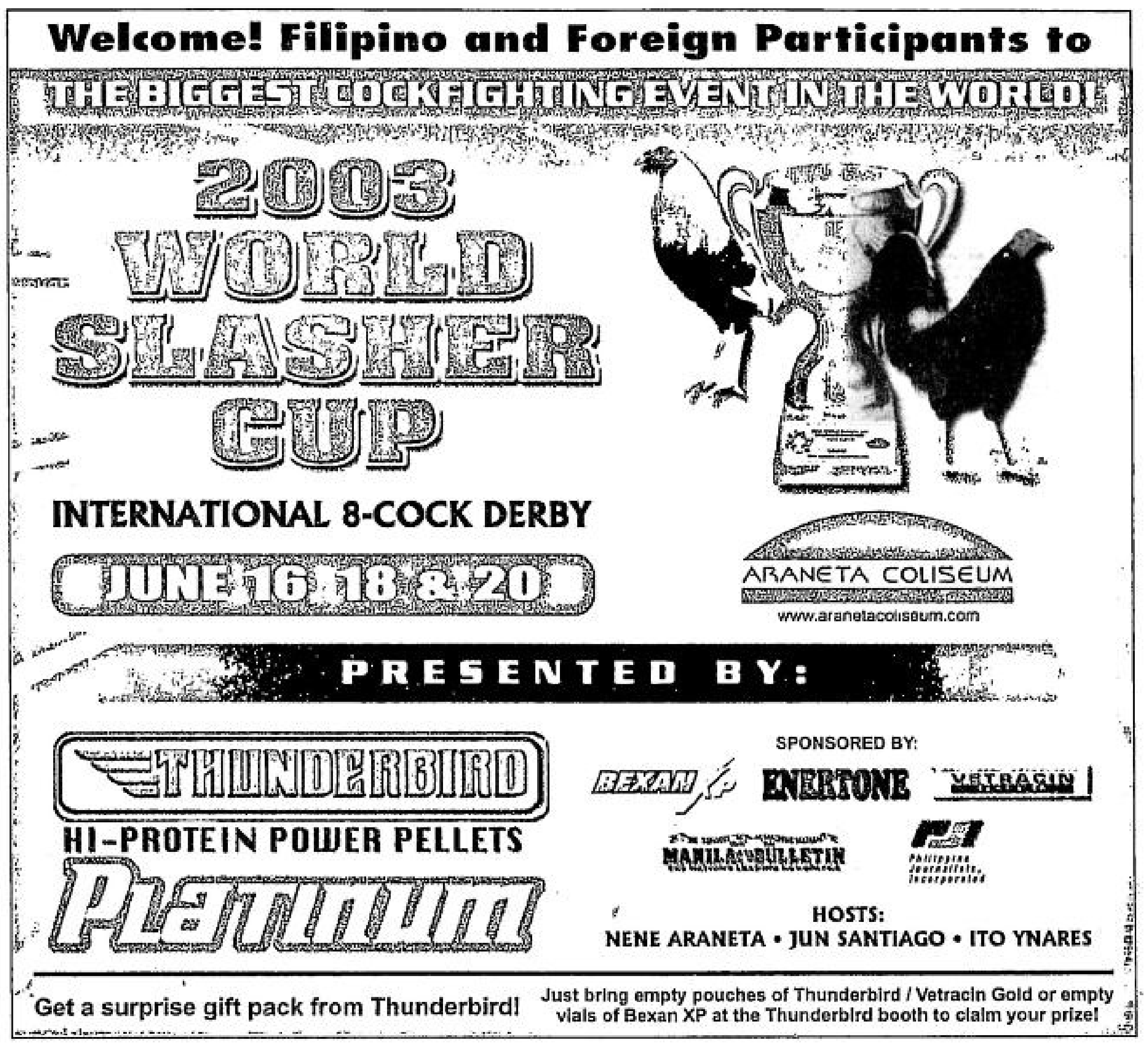

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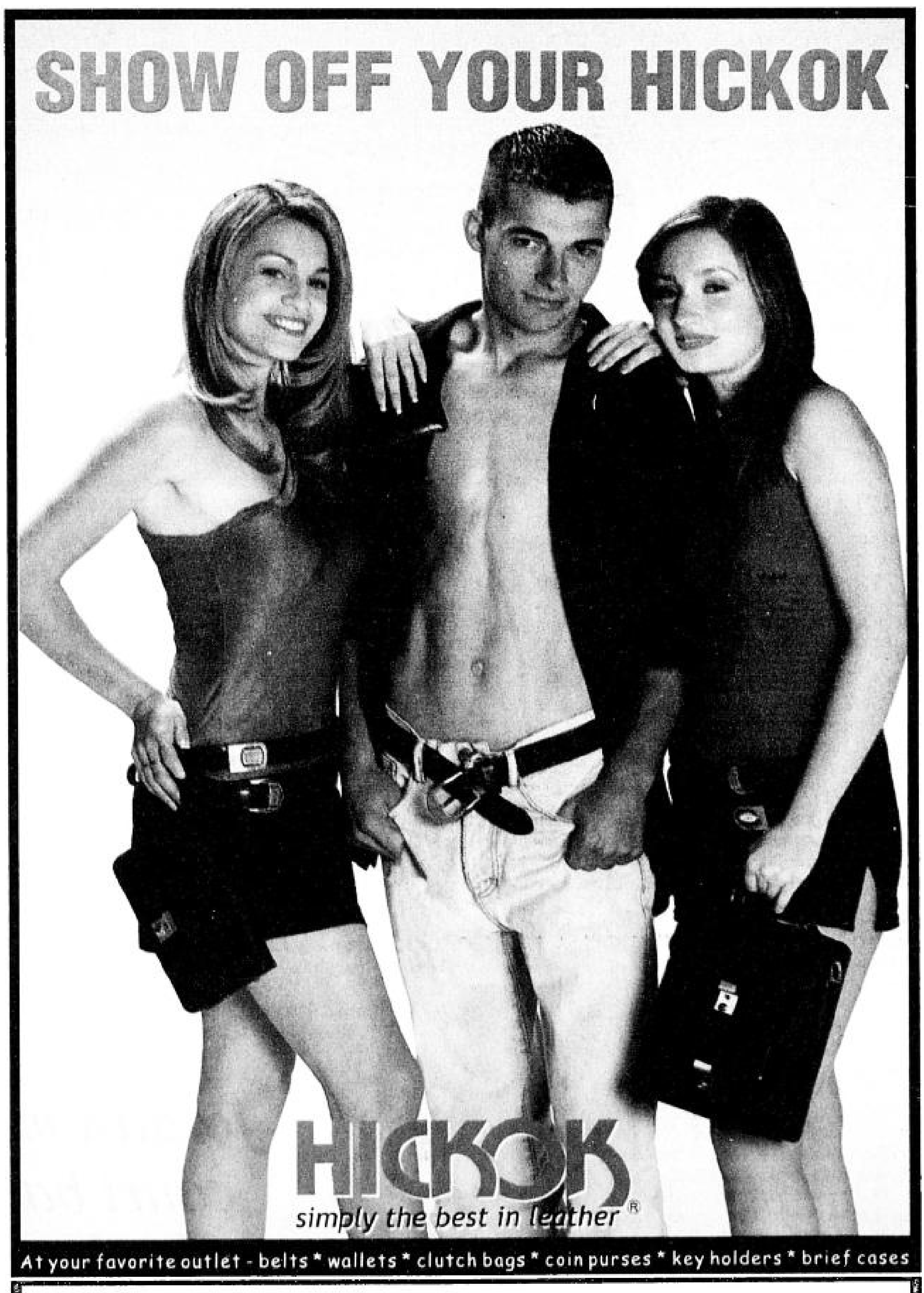

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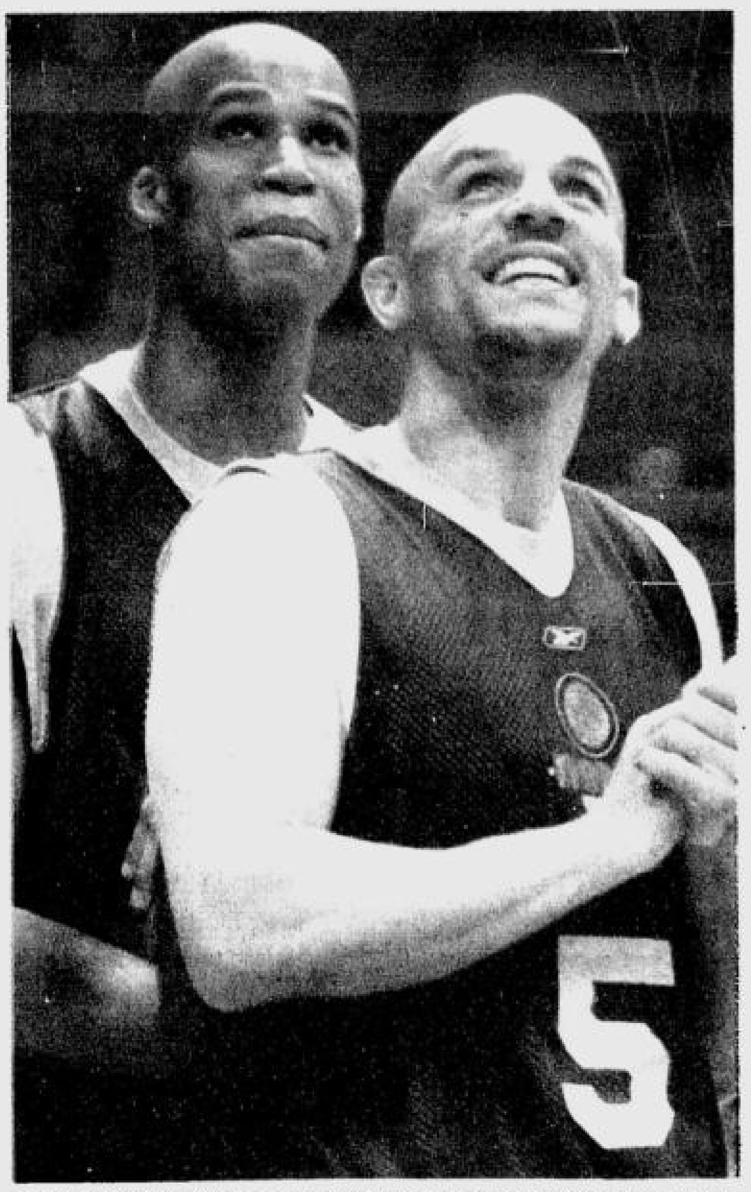
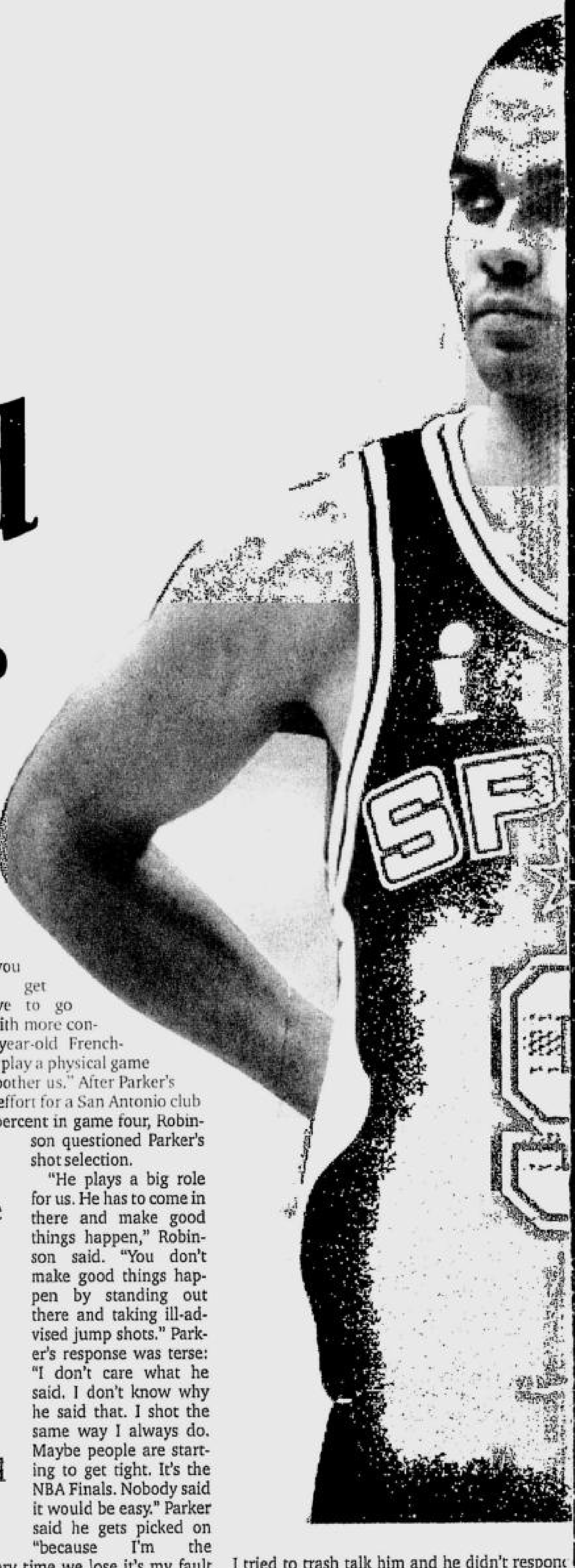


NEW JERSEY Nets' Jason Kidd (right) and Richard Jefferson look at the basket during practice in East Rutherford. AP

SPURS BICKER OVER GAME 4 DEFEAT; ANGRY P

# Storm swirls around Parker



EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey—Tensions are growing in the deadlocked National Basketball Asociation Finals, with frustration turning physical, bickering becoming dissension and mind games leading to intimidation.

Regular-season champion San Antonio and 2002 NBA runner-up New Jersey are level at 2-2 in the best-of-seven showdown with game five here Friday. Game six will be Sunday in San Antonio, where game seven will be Wednesday if needed.

"The longer it goes the better chance we have," Nets coach Byron Scott said. "Because we were such underdogs, nobody gave us a real chance of winning this except ourselves. Our confidence continues to grow. We believe we can win." Defenses have dominated the series with each game seeing a bit more physical contact, especially around 7-foot San Antonio forward Tim Duncan, the NBA Most Valuable Player. Nets guard Kerry Kittles figures the roughest is yet to come.

"We're going after each other, fighting for position on every play," Kittles said Thursday on his 29th birthday. "You're going to have some physical play.

"We're going to try to hit Tim Duncan, drive him out of the box, give him a hard foul if he goes to the basket. A physical game, tempers flaring, we like that more than they do." Kittles' defensive work in game four against Spurs guard Tony Parker helped spark bickering between Parker and Spurs teammate David Robinson. But Parker warned that his team will not back down.

"Every time you penetrate you get hacked. You have to go stronger and go with more confidence," the 21-year-old Frenchman said. "We can play a physical game too. That doesn't bother us." After Parker's 1-for-12 shooting effort for a San Antonio club that shot just 29 percent in game four, Robinson questioned Parker's shot selection.

'He plays a big role for us. He has to come in there and make good things happen. You don't make good things **happen** by standing out there and taking **ill-advised** jump shots'

"He plays a big role for us. He has to come in there and make good things happen," Robinson said. "You don't make good things happen by standing out there and taking ill-advised jump shots." Parker's response was terse: "I don't care what he said. I don't know why he said that. I shot the same way I always do. Maybe people are starting to get tight. It's the NBA Finals. Nobody said it would be easy." Parker said he gets picked on "because I'm the youngest guy. Every time we lose it's my fault and when we win they put me with Tim." Duncan has faced his own intimidation tactics, courtesy of Nets center Dikembe Mutombo.

"Tim is a tough player but a quiet person. He always plays calm. He never expresses frustration," Mutombo said. "I try to get him frustrated. I tried to trash talk him and he didn't respond He didn't want to say nothing." Spurs coac Gregg Popovich fired back, saying, "Deke ha done a good job. No, he has not rattled Tim." Bu Mutombo has guaranteed a game-five Nets tr umph and eventual victory in the African giant quest for his first NBA title.

# Ugly team stats dog drab finals

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey—After four games, the identity of this season's NBA champions remains unknown but what is certain is the finals have been dogged by ugly statistics that are doing very little to promote the sport.

Marred by appalling shooting, unsightly turnovers and dismal television ratings, the New Jersey Nets and San Antonio Spurs go into Game Five on Friday with the series deadlocked at 2-2.

However, any excitement has been dulled by a championship on course to become the lowest scoring finals of all time.

Even Nets all-star guard Jason Kidd admits that this best-of-seven series has not been a work of art but noted that basketball, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

"It's not pretty put it will sell," said Kidd, who has alternated brilliant efforts with clunkers over through the first four games.

"Picasso's painting were not always pretty but they sold for a lot of money.

"And you've got two teams that are competing and have one goal in mind and that's to win a championship.

"Two teams that are defensive-minded slugging it out, trying to stop one another and taking each other's best punch and responding." A league that has built its worldwide popularity on youthful energy and non-stop action, has seen its showcase event being increasingly fought from the defensive trenches, transforming the final into an excruciating tedious struggle.

In Game Four on Wednesday, the two teams combined for 114 missed shots, the Spurs shooting just 28.9 percent from the field, the third worst in NBA finals history.

Game Three produced the lowest-scoring half in finals history when both teams combined for a measly 63 points while the entire series has produced only a handful of crowd-pleasing rim-rattling acrobatic dunks.

### Gifted Talents

Even two of the most gifted talents, Spurs two-time league MVP Tim Duncan and Kidd, basketball's top playmaker, have not been able to inject some badly needed offensive flair into a series that is rapidly losing interest and fans.

"We have definitely set back offensive basketball about 15 years, both teams," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

"Both good defensive clubs going after each other and shots aren't falling for either team.

"I don't see any reason why that won't continue." Nets coach Byron Scott offered no apologies for the style of play being inflicted on fans, saying both teams are simply doing what they feel needs to be done to bring home a championship.

# Bryant undergoes shoulder surgery

EL SEGUNDO, California—Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant underwent shoulder surgery Thursday in New York, and is expected to make a full recovery.

Bryant had an inflamed bursa removed and a frayed labrum trimmed in his right shoulder during the surgery that took under an hour.

He was released from Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in the afternoon. Dr. Louis Bigliani said he expects Bryant to make a complete recovery.

"Everything went fine," Lakers spokesperson John Black said from the team's offices.

BRYANT: Everything went fine.

No timetable has been set for Bryant's rehabilitation or return date, but the Lakers expect he'll be ready by the start of training camp in October. AP

# 'Every time we lose

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey—A stinging rebuke of San Antonio guard Tony Parker by teammate David Robinson has shown how fragile the Spurs' National Basketball Association title hopes have become.

Robinson, a 7-foot center in the final week of a famed NBA career, blasted his 21-year-old French teammate for poor shot selection in a 77-76 loss to New Jersey in game four of the NBA Finals, level at 2-2 with game five here Friday.

"Tony has to do a better job of staying involved in the game and picking and choosing his moments and I don't think Tony did a very good job of that," said Robinson.

"He has got to understand he plays a big role for us so he has to come in there and make good things happen. You don't make good things happen by standing out there and taking ill-advised jump shots." Robinson defended his comments Thursday, saying, "It's the truth. Tony knows that. We talk about that in the locker room. It's not like I'm calling Tony out. But Tony is a young guy. He has to learn. He has to get better." Parker, who made only 1-of-12 from the field, had a terse reply.

"I don't care what he said. I don't know why he said that," Parker said. "I shot the same way I always do. Maybe people are starting to get tight. It's the NBA Finals. Nobody said it would be easy."

"I just missed shots. I just have to concentrate more on the offensive end, just play the same way, try to stay aggressive. I have pressure all the time. That's not going to change."

Parker was already under pressure because the Spurs have shown interest in Nets guard Jason Kidd, a friend of Spurs star forward Tim Duncan who becomes a free agent after the finals and could replace Parker in San Antonio.

Parker admitted feeling picked on and singled out from a Spurs team that won the NBA regular season crown but shot only 29 percent in game four.

"I'm the youngest guy," he said. "Every time we lose it's my fault." Duncan expressed confidence that Parker will bounce back.

"Tony is going to bring it," Duncan said. "I'm not worried about Tony's enthusiasm. He had a bad game. We've all had bad games. He's going to recover very well. He will be ready to go.

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# *Jordan wins court battle over 'hush cash'*

CHICAGO, Illinois—Former basketball superstar Michael Jordan claimed a huge victory on Thursday when a Chicago judge tossed out a woman's attempt to force the basketball superstar to pay her $5 million in hush money, the Chicago Sun-Times reported on Thursday.

The newspaper said the judge agreed with Jordan's lawyers who forcefully argued in court against Karla Knafel's claims that Jordan promised to pay her the money to keep their affair, which happened in early 1991, under wraps.

"The court finds the agreement to be extortionate and against public policy," said Siebel.

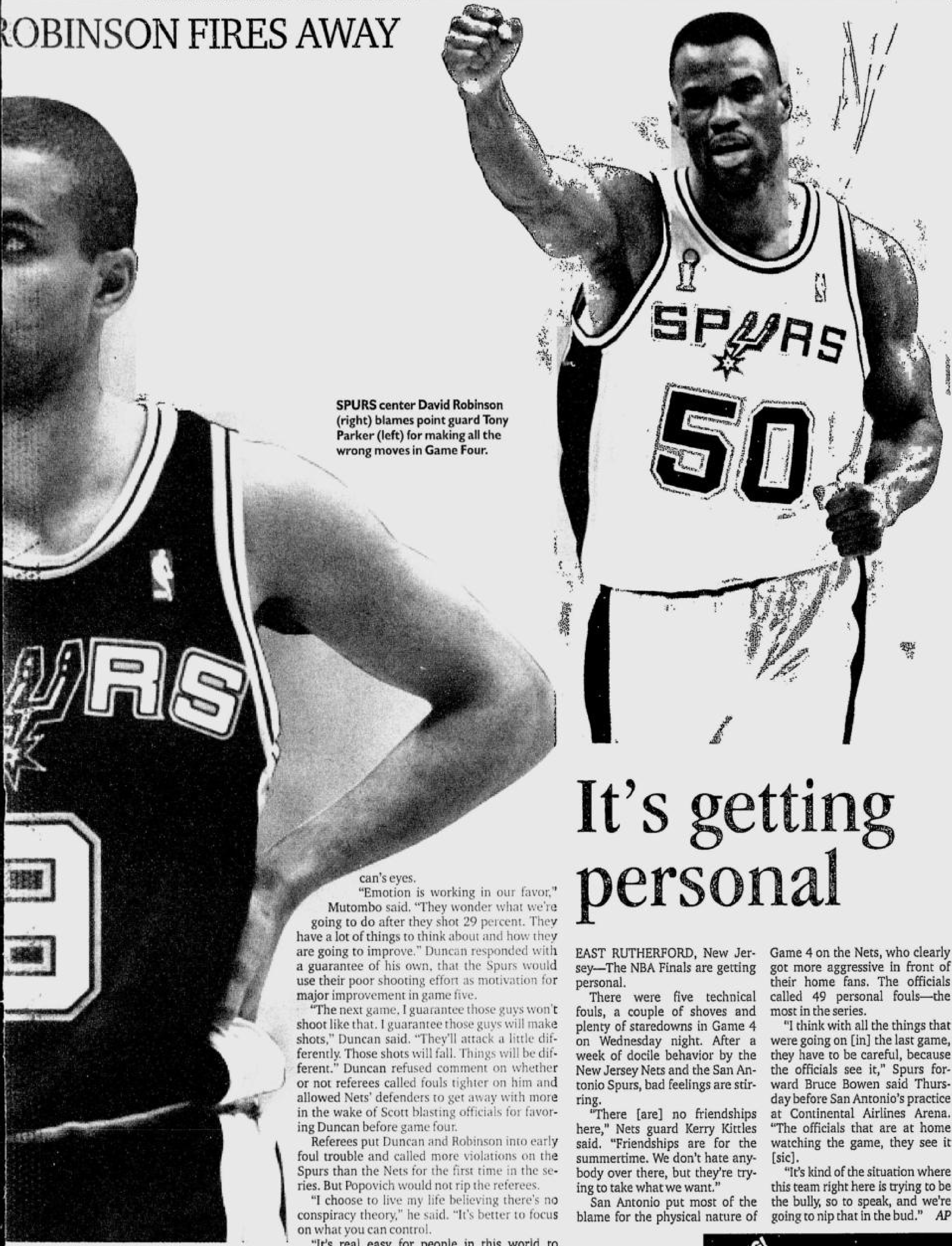
Lawyers for Knafel claimed the ve between the two was to prevent her t ternity suit against Jordan, who was might be carrying his baby.

"The illegal portion, the agreeme money' goes to the essence of th Siebel said.

"The 'hush money' provision in agreement."

Jordan denies ever having mad

# ROBINSON FIRES AWAY



**SPURS center David Robinson (right) blames point guard Tony Parker (left) for making all the wrong moves in Game Four.**

"In order for us to win the NBA champi-
onship, we must win game five," Mutombo said. "We're going to win game five and then we're going to San Antonio and steal one there. Then we're going to have a parade here." Mutombo said the Nets' confidence is growing with every game while he is starting to see doubt in Duncan's eyes.

"Emotion is working in our favor," Mutombo said. "They wonder what we're going to do after they shot 29 percent. They have a lot of things to think about and how they are going to improve." Duncan responded with a guarantee of his own, that the Spurs would use their poor shooting effort as motivation for major improvement in game five.

"The next game, I guarantee those guys won't shoot like that. I guarantee those guys will make shots," Duncan said. "They'll attack a little differently. Those shots will fall. Things will be different." Duncan refused comment on whether or not referees called fouls tighter on him and allowed Nets' defenders to get away with more in the wake of Scott blasting officials for favoring Duncan before game four.

Referees put Duncan and Robinson into early foul trouble and called more violations on the Spurs than the Nets for the first time in the series. But Popovich would not rip the referees.

"I choose to live my life believing there's no conspiracy theory," he said. "It's better to focus on what you can control.

"It's real easy for people in this world to blame somebody else. It's the easiest thing on the planet to do but it's not what you would want your kids to do. So we will go that way. If it doesn't work, to hell with it." A minor worry for the Nets is forward Kenyon Martin feeling ill and missing practice Thursday. "We're not concerned," Nets guard Jason Kidd said. "We know come game time he will be there." *AFP*

# It's getting personal

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey—The NBA Finals are getting personal.

There were five technical fouls, a couple of shoves and plenty of staredowns in Game 4 on Wednesday night. After a week of docile behavior by the New Jersey Nets and the San Antonio Spurs, bad feelings are stirring.

"There [are] no friendships here," Nets guard Kerry Kittles said. "Friendships are for the summertime. We don't hate anybody over there, but they're trying to take what we want."

San Antonio put most of the blame for the physical nature of Game 4 on the Nets, who clearly got more aggressive in front of their home fans. The officials called 49 personal fouls—the most in the series.

"I think with all the things that were going on [in] the last game, they have to be careful, because the officials see it," Spurs forward Bruce Bowen said Thursday before San Antonio's practice at Continental Airlines Arena. "The officials that are at home watching the game, they see it [sic].

"It's kind of the situation where this team right here is trying to be the bully, so to speak, and we're going to nip that in the bud." *AP*

SOLAR Sports will telecast Game Five of the New Jersey Nets-San Antonio Spurs championship series live on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

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n." Kidd predicted Parker would respond to his poor showing with inspired play in game five and expected Kittles would again handle the defensive chores.

"Taking me off Parker pretty much most of the time gave me the opportunity to play both ends at a higher level," Kidd said.

Kittles, celebrating his 29th birthday Thursday, knows that shutting down Parker might turn the series in favor of the underdog Nets.

"It changes the series," he said. "He's a guy who can get 15 or 20 points a game. He's an explosive player. They need him to score points for them to win. Other players aren't hitting for them. We know it's important to stop him.

"Overall he was feeling a little comfortable. When a player is comfortable you have to change things up. It was more psychological than anything else. It was a different look. He wasn't used to seeing such a big guy guarding him. We will try to change it up on him again.

"We have gutted out a couple of wins. We feel if we can play defense well, our offense will get going and we can finish this team off." Kittles' size denied Parker a chance for his favorite shots.

"We tried to cut off his angle to the hoop, which made him put up jump shots," Kittles said. "My goal is stay between him and the basket. He'll have a tough time shooting those floaters with a guy as long as I am guarding him." Parker said his poor night was more about his errors than Kittles' effort.

"I just missed shots," Parker said. "Maybe I'll try to go to the basket more, not set up for jump shots. *AFP*

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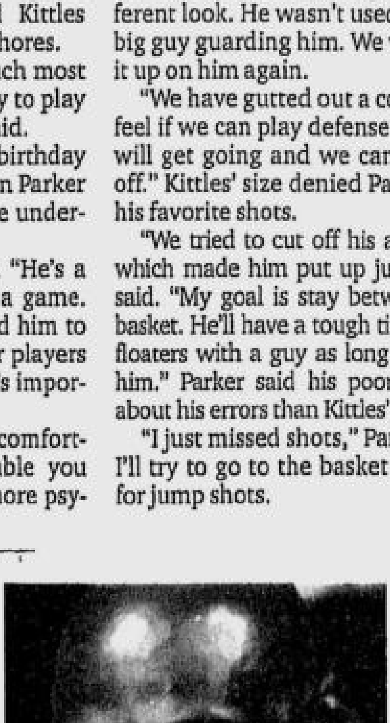
an unwritten agreement with the woman who now lives in California.

Knafel claimed she had a sexual relationship with Jordan for two years, ending in 1991.

Knafel was not present in the courtroom for the ruling but she had attended previous sessions. The National Basketball Association legend was not in the courtroom on Thursday.

Jordan, whose services as head for basketball operations of the Washington Wizards was recently terminated, could not be contacted to comment on the verdict. *AFP*



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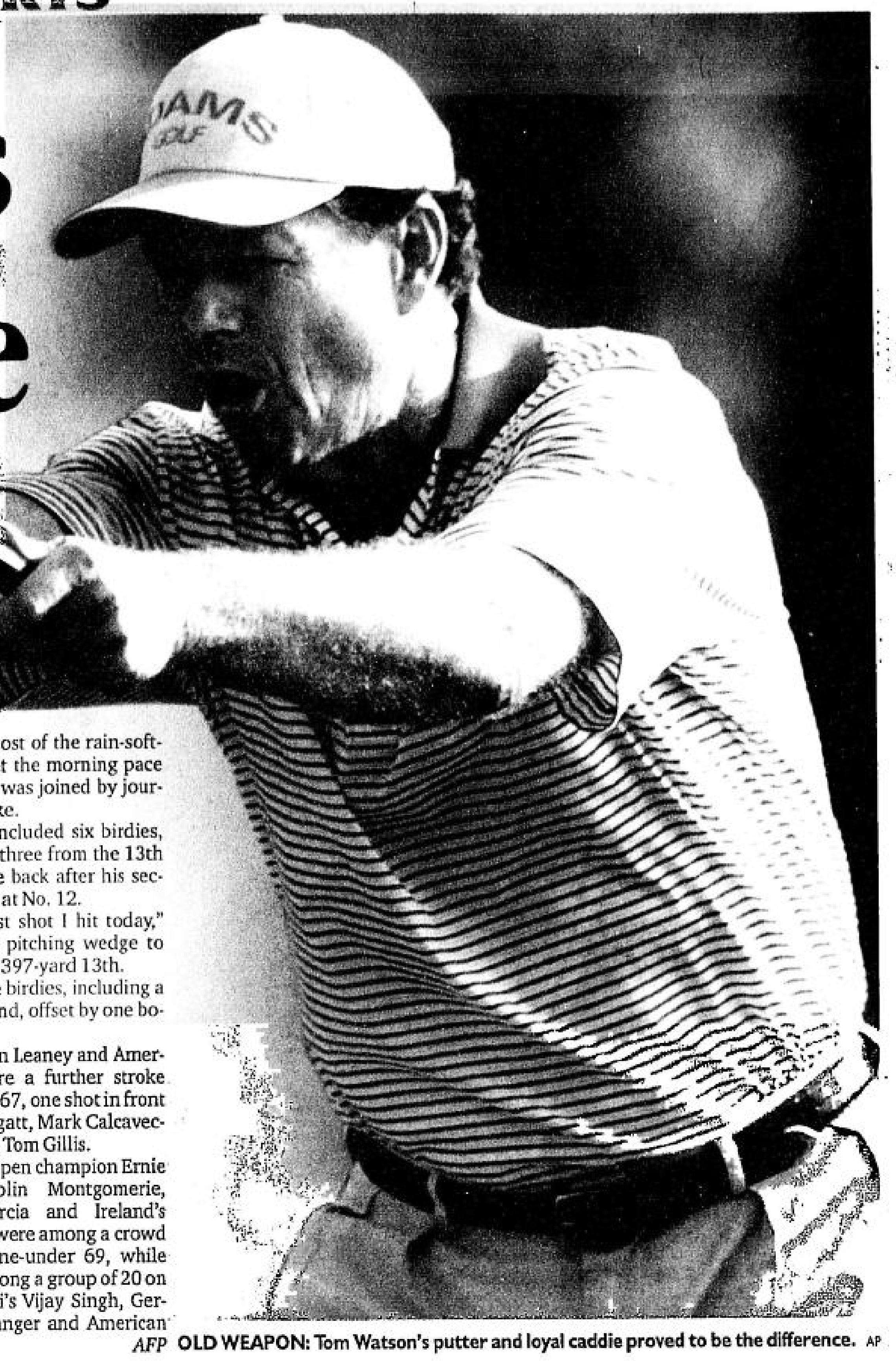
# Watson turns back the time

## *Veteran fires 5-under 65, matches Quigley's effort*



**OLYMPIA FIELDS, Illinois—Tom Watson rolled back the years here on Thursday when he shot a stunning five-under 65 to grab a share of the lead at the end of the first round of the US Open.**

His 65 tied him with Brett Quigley.

The 53-year-old, who won his only US Open title in 1982, was like the Watson of old who dominated golf in the '70s and '80s as one of the "Big Three"– Watson, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player–as he drained key putt after putt.

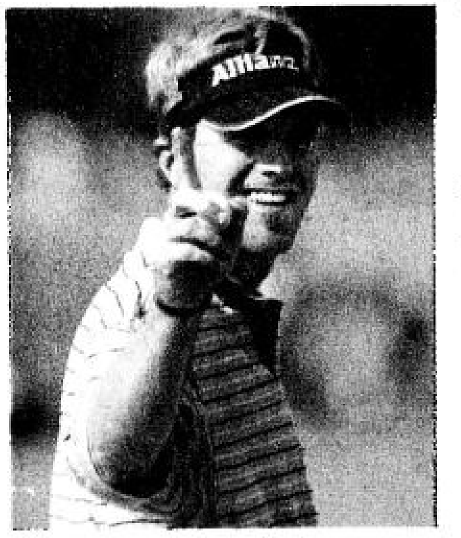
"Who would have thought it," beamed Watson afterwards. "I had tears in my eyes. A lot of emotion there."

When his eight-foot par putt on the ninth–his 18th–dropped to put him top of the leaderboard, the crowd packed around the green erupted with a roar of delight.

Watson, who now plays the senior tour and was only appearing here because of a special invite from the USGA, doffed his cap to the delighted fans.

Watson revealed that he was using a similar putter to the Ping he used in his prime–a prime that saw him win five British Opens to go with his 1982 US Open success.

"I listened to my caddy. He said put that old Ping putter in your bag and that's what I did. I put it in, and the magic started working," said Watson.



**QUIGLEY:** Surprise co-leader.

But he admitted he did not know if he could play the same for three more rounds. Veteran Hale Irwin had earlier been forced to withdrawn after he was struck by back spams.

"When you get our age you've got a lot of worn out parts. My back wasn't feeling too well today either.

"We'll just have to see. I'm hitting the ball well enough. It's just a matter of being able to deal with the pressure of the Open," he stressed.

Former British Open champion Justin Leonard made the most of the rain-softened course as he set the morning pace with a 66, where he was joined by journeyman Jay Don Blake.

Leonard's round included six birdies, including a string of three from the 13th that saw him bounce back after his second bogey of the day at No. 12.

"That was the best shot I hit today," Leonard said of his pitching wedge to about two feet at the 397-yard 13th.

Blake, 44, had five birdies, including a 20-footer at the second, offset by one bogey at the ninth.

Australian Stephen Leaney and American Jim Furyk were a further stroke back on three-under 67, one shot in front of Canadian Ian Leggatt, Mark Calcavecchia and unheralded Tom Gillis.

Reigning British Open champion Ernie Els, Scotland's Colin Montgomerie, Spain's Sergio Garcia and Ireland's Padraig Harrington were among a crowd of 15 players on one-under 69, while Tiger Woods was among a group of 20 on 70 that included Fiji's Vijay Singh, Germany's Bernhard Langer and American Phil Mickelson. *AFP*

**OLD WEAPON:** Tom Watson's putter and loyal caddie proved to be the difference. AP

# Underachiever ties for early lead

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Illinois—Surprise US Open joint-leader Brett Quigley announced himself to the golfing world on Thursday, but the American journeyman was more concerned with first becoming a household name in his own home.

Quigley, the 33-year-old who had missed the cut on his previous two Open appearances, shot a five-under-par 65 to head the opening round leaderboard at Olympia Fields alongside Tom Watson.

Five successive missed cuts on the PGA Tour this year, and a career record devoid of Tour victories, hardly indicated Quigley could compete at one of the toughest majors of the season.

But it was belated inspiration taken from his father, his uncle and former Tour professional Dana Quigley, and a close friend –who dubbed him an underachiever–which set the scene for his day in the sun.

With his father by his side as caddy, three days ahead of Father's Day in the United States, Quigley realized it was about time he began fulfilling some potential.

"(I am) an underachiever...I think I am finally realizing and taking steps to get through it," he told reporters.

"A good friend of mine told me that about a month ago. He said, 'what's wrong with you, you should be winning five times a year, you're a great player'. *Reuters*

### FIRST ROUND SCORES

65–Tom Watson, Brett Quigley 66 - Justin Leonard, Jay Don Blake 67– Stephen Leaney (AUS), Jim Furyk 68–Tom Gillis, Ian Legatt (CAN), Mark Calcavecchia 69–Hidemichi Tanaka (JPN), Cliff Kresge, Tom Byrum, Ernie Els (RSA), Loren Roberts, Billy Mayfair, Padraig Harrington (IRL), Colin Montgomerie (SCO), Jonathan Byrd, Timothy Clark (RSA), Robert Damron, Sergio Garcia (SPA), Len Mattiace, Tim Petrovic, Fredrik Jacobson (SWE). 70–Chad Campbell, Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh (FIJ), Bernhard Langer (GER), Charles Howell, Bob Estes, Justin Rose (ENG), Craig Parry (AUS), Fred Couples, JP Hayes, Joe Ogilvie, Jonathan Kaye, Darren Clarke (NIR), Phil Mickelson, Scott Hoch, Stewart Cink, Eduardo Romero (ARG), Steve Lowery, Fred Funk, Brandt Jobe. *AFP*

**WOODS:** Scrappy start.

## *Tough greens defang Tiger*

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Illinois—Defending champion Tiger Woods eked out a scrappy level-par 70 in the US Open on Thursday as 1982 winner Tom Watson and qualifier Brett Quigley set the first-round pace with matching 65s.

Watson, at the age of 53, eagled the par-four 12th and birdied two of his last three holes to record his lowest score at a US Open since 1987.

Justin Leonard, the 1997 British Open champion, and fellow American Jay Don Blake were a further stroke back on 66 while Australia's Stephen Leaney and Jim Furyk shared fifth on 67.

Woods, bidding for his third US Open crown in four starts and the ninth major of his career, initially struggled on the difficult greens at Olympia Fields Country Club and was one over par after 14 holes.

But the world number one, who won last year's tournament by three shots at Bethpage Black, resurrected his round by hitting a superb three-iron approach to 20 feet at the 555-yard sixth hole before sinking the eagle putt.

In overcast conditions, he then missed a birdie chance from 12 feet on seven, scrambled a par on eight and bogeyed nine after finding a greenside bunker and failing to get up and down. *AFP*

# Dying caddie shares Tom's big moment

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Illinois—He struggled to get the words out, and began to cry when he tried to explain what they meant. Bruce Edwards may be dying, but for one magical afternoon he and Tom Watson were young again.

The tears welled up in his eyes when Watson made a 40-footer (12 meters) on his 16th hole to get in the hunt. He fought to keep his composure as his boss made another putt on his 17th hole to move into a tie for the lead in the US Open.

Then he walked triumphantly up the 18th hole, where the cheers cascading down from the bleachers weren't just meant for his boss.

The longtime caddie got some, too.

"It was a beautiful, beautiful day," Edwards said.

It was the kind of day Watson doesn't have many left of on the golf course.

It was the kind of day Edwards doesn't have many left of at all.

Diagnosed a few months ago with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis–Lou Gehrig's disease–Edwards' speech is slurred and his body is beginning to shut down.

"I talk like the town drunk," he said, "but I feel pretty good."

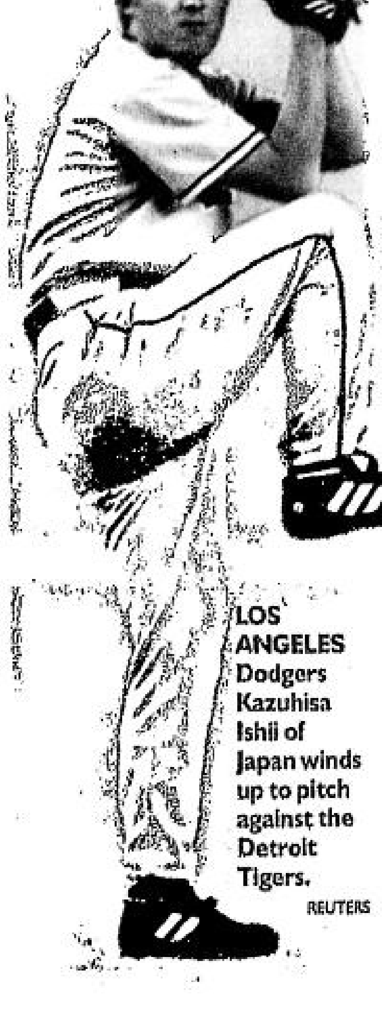
Still, he stoically carried Watson's bag around 18 holes Thursday at Olympia Fields, just as he had so many times before.

"I don't know when I won't be able to do it any more," Edwards said. "I'm a proud man right now."

No prouder than Watson was of him.

"He had a few tears in his eyes, made me cry," Watson said. "It was a very special day. Very special day."

Edwards and Watson had shared special days before. Edwards was on the bag when Watson chipped in on No. 17 in 1982 at Pebble Beach to clinch the US Open. *AP*



**LOS ANGELES Dodgers Kazuhisa Ishii of Japan winds up to pitch against the Detroit Tigers.** REUTERS

# Yankees bounce back over Astros

NEW YORK—After being held hitless by six Houston pitchers a day earlier, the New York Yankees amassed 12 hits and a bunch of runs in a 6-5 win over the Astros in Inter-league play on Thursday.

They were responding to a challenge from manager Joe Torre, who, after Wednesday's debacle, said, "Hopefully we wake up tomorrow morning and we can do something about it."

Derek Jeter broke the ice with a first-inning bunt single.

The Yanks scored later in the inning on Todd Zeile's sacrifice and added two more runs in the fourth to lead 3-2.

After Houston went up 5-3 in the sixth, New York proceeded to rough up relievers Kirk Saarloos, Brad Lidge and Octavio Dotel (5-2), all of whom figured in the no-hitter.

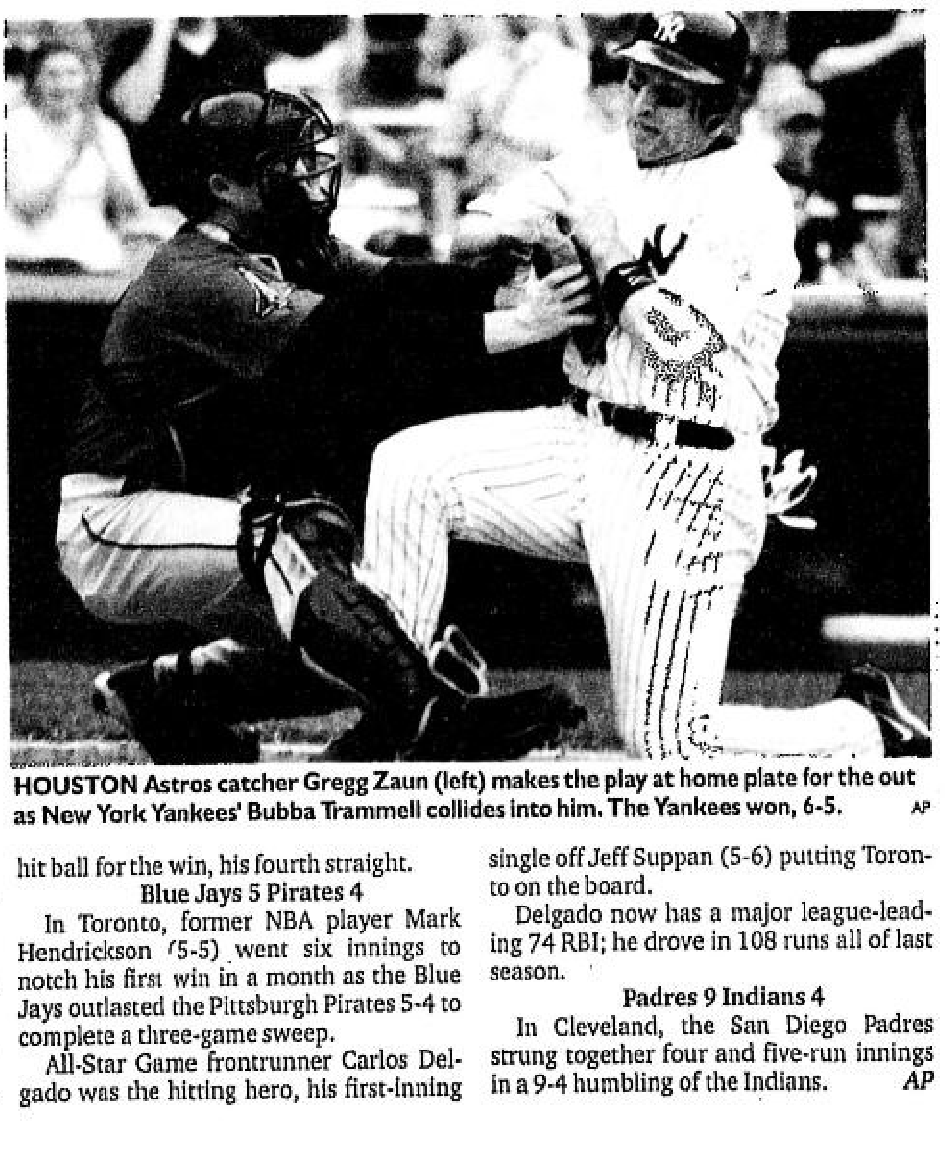
Alfonso Soriano's eighth-inning single plated the deciding run.

Antonio Osuna (2-2) notched the victory in relief of David Wells, who was seeking his ninth win.

In Oakland, Gary Sheffield and Andruw Jones each took reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Barry Zito deep as the Atlanta Braves defeated the A's 4-2.

It was the third straight home loss for Zito (7-5), who was 11-1 in Oakland in 2002.

Shane Reynolds (5-1) tossed 6 2/3 innings of six-hit ball for the win, his fourth straight.



**HOUSTON Astros catcher Gregg Zaun (left) makes the play at home plate for the out as New York Yankees' Bubba Trammell collides into him. The Yankees won, 6-5.** AP

**Blue Jays 5 Pirates 4**

In Toronto, former NBA player Mark Hendrickson (5-5) went six innings to notch his first win in a month as the Blue Jays outlasted the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-4 to complete a three-game sweep.

All-Star Game frontrunner Carlos Delgado was the hitting hero, his first-inning single off Jeff Suppan (5-6) putting Toronto on the board.

Delgado now has a major league-leading 74 RBI; he drove in 108 runs all of last season.

**Padres 9 Indians 4**

In Cleveland, the San Diego Padres strung together four and five-run innings in a 9-4 humbling of the Indians. *AP*

# Abadia gains tennis semis

ADELO Abadia took a long time to warm up yesterday, but when he did Elbert Anasta could not cope with the heat.

The third-seed Abadia fought back from a first-set loss to beat No. 8 Anasta, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, and reach the semifinals of the P200,000 Cebuana Lhuillier Tennis Circuit 1 at the Manila Polo Club Indoor court.

Abadia, a member of the RP Davis Cup team, advanced against second seed Joseph Victorino, a 6-1, 6-1 winner over No. 9 Michael Mora III.

"It will be a tight match. *Doon ako bibira sa* crucial points," said Abadia, who lost to Victorino in the final of the 2002 PCA Open and the 2003 Philta Open.

Top seed Johnny Arcilla hopes to win his fourth straight title and stay as the country's No. 1 player.

"So far, I'm happy with the way I'm playing and I hope to keep my level of performance," said Arcilla after demolishing No. 12 Rocky Paglalunan, 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinals.

# Lady chessers seek Campo's help

By Marc Anthony Reyes

CHECKMATE?

**Feisty lady chess players Sheerie Joy Lomibao and Cristine Rose Mariano are facing the toughest match of their careers after the National Chess Federation of the Philippines yesterday threatened to ban them for one year and exclude them from the RP team to the Southeast Asian Games in Vietnam.**

The players, using their final move, sought the help of Fide chair emeritus and honorary president Florencio Campomanes to act as arbiter between them and the NCFP, which they accused of different irregularities including an unliquidated P1.5 million in assistance given by the Philippine Sports Commission.

NCFP secretary general Sammy Estimo belied reports that Lomibao and Mariano are being taken off the payroll because, he said, the players would still get payment for the two days they reported for work for the month of June.

However, the payroll which the players obtained from the Philippine Sports Commission revealed that the players indeed won't get anything when they check their ATMs on June 15. They have been getting P4,000 monthly from the PSC as members of the national pool.

Executive director Gene Poliarco also confirmed that the NCFP executive committee is contemplating on slapping administrative charges against Lomibao and Mariano, whom he described as just "sourgraping" for being snubbed in the Asian Zonals slated June 30 in Vietnam.

"This stemmed from Arianne Caoili's appointment as the lone representative to the Asian Zonal," Poliarco told the INQUIRER. "But we are mandated by the Philippine Sports Commission and the Philippine Olympic Committee to send only those with big chances of winning."

Poliarco said Caoili, who has an Elo rating of 2293, is the highest-rated Filipina chesser and that due to financial constraints, only one slot has been given to the women's team.

He added that the NCFP promised Lomibao and Mariano berths in the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games.

Though Lomibao is the reigning national champion, she only has an Elo rating of 2085, according to Poliarco.

Lomibao and Mariano said they believe in Campomanes' fair judgment and that his intervention would finally end their row with the NCFP which erupted when they questioned where the money intended for the 2000 Istanbul and the 2002 Bled Chess Olympiads went.

They claimed that the NCFP got P825,500 for each tournament but it never liquidated the amount, a claim denied by Poliarco, who said NCFP chair Matias Defensor had explained everything to the members of the executive committee when they met last week.

The lady woodpushers also raised a howl over the lack of training program for the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games, the existence of a "ghost employee" who gets P13,500 monthly and their demotion to the national pool from the national team.

The threat of a year-long ban and exclusion from the national team to the Vietnam SEAG came from Estimo as he blasted Mariano and Lomibao for "peddling lies and agitating parents to complain against NCFP policies."

He added the NCFP, through its executive committee, will "shortly make strong moves to defend its integrity and to assert its authority as the sole governing body of chess in the country."

## SPORTSWATCH

### Tennis challenge today

CAGAYAN DE ORO—The 4th leg of the Adidas Tennis Challenge 2003 starts here today. It will feature the junior men's and women's 21-under, the boys' and girls' 16-under, 14-under, 12-under and the unisex 10-under divisions. The tournament is organized by the Children's Tennis Workshop and supported by Wilson balls, Milo and Sports Kids with a Group-3 sanction from the Philippine Tennis Association. The nationwide Adidas Tennis Challenge 2003 kicked off at the Negros Occidental Tennis Association then proceeded to the Sancase Tennis Club in Cebu, Luz Village Tennis Club in Butuan. The final leg will be conducted in Manila on August.

### Non-master chess

THE METROPOLITAN Chess Club will hold its non-master chess tournament at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Chowking-Remar branch along Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City. The one-day, seven-round tournament is open to all untitled chess players, rated and unrated. Up for grabs is a total pot of P10,000 with the champion pocketing P3,000. Special awards will also be given to the top performers in the following categories: kiddies, juniors, 1900 below; 2100 below and unrated.

Interested parties may proceed to the venue and register before 9 a.m. tomorrow. For details, call 8268560 and 0916-852-1069.

### Goa Goalers win

GOA, Camarines Sur—Jayson Padayao scored in the 68th minute as the Goa Goalers edged the Abcede Strikers, 2-1, and copped the local crown in the Red Ribbon Bakeshop Football Festival at the Goa Central School field here. Padayao's marker came more than 30 minutes after Strikers' Adonis Baguio had tied the count at 1-1. Ryan Milan shoved the Goalers ahead, 1-0, with a hard grounder in the 18th minute. But Baguio came through in the 32nd to level the count. The Abcede Smitters finished third by blanking Don Bosco Football Club, 1-0, on Allan Bolima's goal in the second minute. The Goalers nipped Don Bosco while the Strikers nosed out the Smitters by identical 1-0 scores in a pair of exciting semifinal matches.

### Gold's lifters shine

THE GOLD'S Gym's women lifters asserted their might in the recent Vice Governor Jon-Vic Remulla Cup powerlifting championships at Robinsons Imus, Cavite. They topped the novice and LVM divisions to take the spotlight out of the men lifters. University of the Philippines bagged the men's LVM title and shared top honors in the novice division with The Gym. The tourney's best lifters were The Gym's Donald Escario, men's novice; Gold Gym's Monica Allado, women's novice; and Zest Power's Nilo de la Cena (men's LVM) and Nina Oca (women's LVM). The winning lifts were 209 pounds (squat), 99 pounds (benchpress) and 209 pounds (deadlift) for Allado; 264-225.5-330 for Escario, 225.5-126.5-269.5 for Oca and 484-286-473 for De la Cena.

### Granger paces Masters

PHILIPPINE team mentor Purvis Granger and Liza del Rosario took the lead in the Open Masters finals of the 32nd Boysen-PBC International Open Bowling Championships at the Green Valley center in Pasig. Granger felled 3705 pins to pace the men's division while Del Rosario scored 3531 to lead the distaff side. Malaysian Azidi Ameran (3594), Hong Kong's W Siu Hong (3577), Lee Tae Ju of Korea (3561), Jonathan Lim of Malaysia (3541) and Alvin Kwang of Singapore (3513) will join Granger in the championship round.

## SPORTS noodle

ANSWERS

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1. False (only elementary and high school divisions)
2. Dojo
3. Letran
4. Emmanuel Lasker
5. Cultural Geography (He initially took up Mathematics)
6. Greg Barton (kayaking)
7. No. 5

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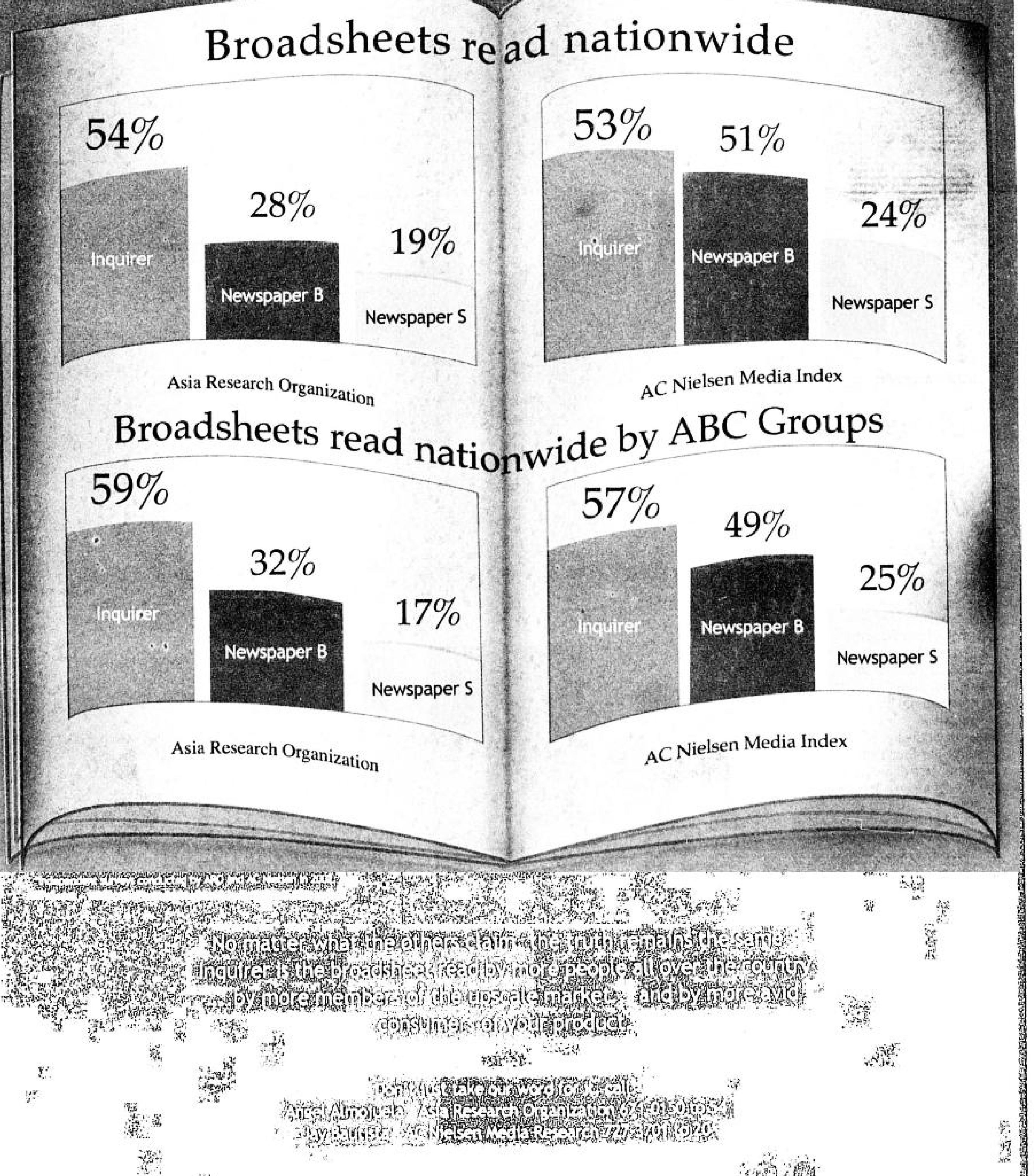

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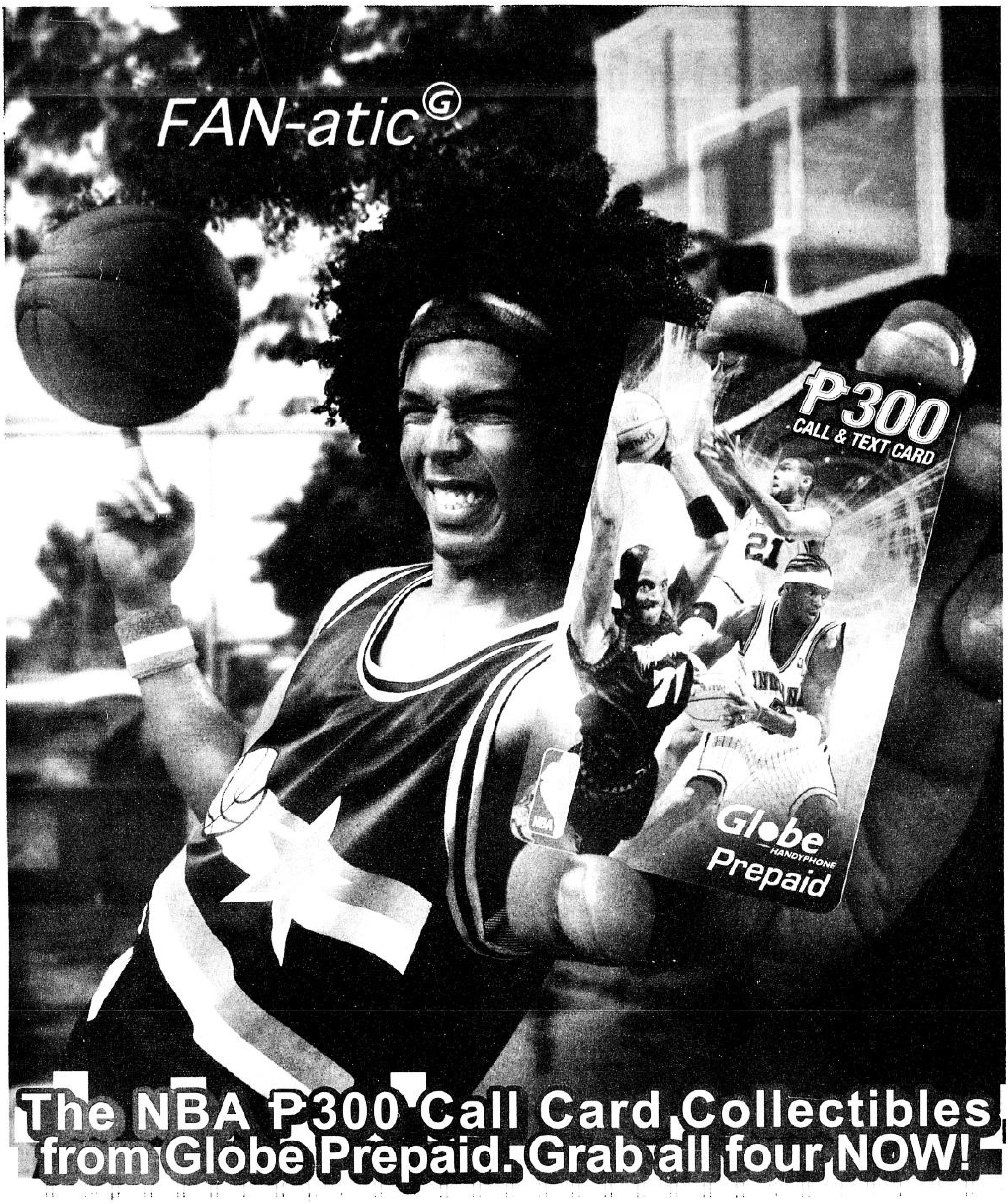

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# BSP orders strict screening of borrowers

**By Doris C. Dumlao**

**THE MONETARY Board, the policy-making body of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, has approved a new set of guidelines compelling banks to be more stringent in screening borrowers.**

Seeking to prevent a further rise in non-performing loans, the board approved in its meeting the other day the issuance of a circular which would govern the grant of loans and other credit accommodations.

"The circular would require banks to ascertain that the borrowers are financially capable of fulfilling their commitments to the bank," the BSP said in a statement.

"For this purpose, banks should also obtain adequate information on the credit standing of their borrowers," the BSP stressed.

The circular also gives the banks an exit mechanism in case of fraudulent submission of information by loan applicants.

In addition to the usual information about a borrower, the circular said a bank must now require the submission of the applicant's statement of assets and liabilities as well as income and expenditures.

The bank must also require a copy of the income tax return and, if the borrower is engaged in business, a copy of the borrower's latest financial statements as submitted for taxation purposes, the BSP said.

"Should the documents submitted by the borrower prove to be spurious or incorrect in any material detail, the bank may terminate the loan and can demand immediate repayment," the BSP said.

"Violation of the circular shall be subject to the sanctions provided for under the Bangko Sentral charter," it added.

Latest data from the BSP showed that the bad loans of the more than 40 commercial banks operating here rose to 15.5 percent of their total loans as of March, or to P253.92 billion from P250.83 billion a month before.

Under the old and stricter definition of a non-performing loan, the bad loans of the commercial banking system stood at about P262 billion or 16 percent of its loan portfolio.

Bad loans or NPLs are accounts whose principal or interest remained unpaid for 90 straight days.

The banks' coverage ratio, an indicator that tells whether banks have enough reserves to guard against defaults, also slid to 49.93 percent in March from 50.16 percent in February as the increase in NPLs outpaced the 0.76-percent improvement in loan-loss reserves to P126.77 billion.

Even the country's thrift banks suffered an increase in their bad loans to 12.22 percent of total loans or to P18.06 billion.

Meantime, the BSP clarified that mandated microfinancing loans as well as loans to small and medium enterprises will be governed by a separate circular.

As of May 2003, there were 119 banks with 363 branches that were engaged in microfinance reaching 394,613 borrowers with total loans outstanding of P2.2 billion.

The BSP is mandated by RA 8791, or the General Banking Law, to provide the policy and regulatory framework to encourage the growth of microfinance activities.

Microfinance is the provision of a broad range of financial services, but mainly lending without collateral to the poor to enable them to go into small businesses. The loans can be as low as P2,000 but not more than P150,000.

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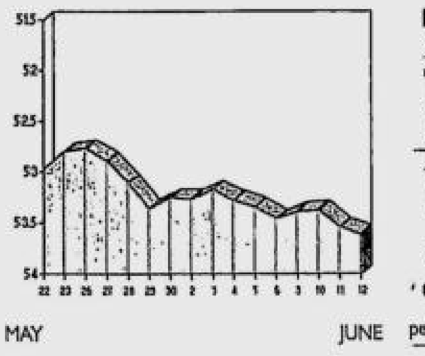

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## STOCK MARKET

### Stocks seen to rise

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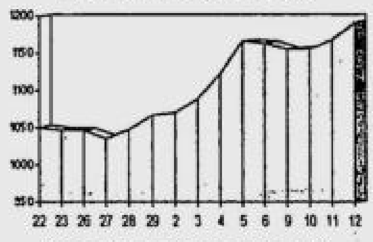

(See stock market report on Page B2)

FINANCIAL markets were closed yesterday, a non-working holiday.

Stock trading resumes on Monday with analysts expecting the market to resume its climb.

Share prices closed up 1.91 percent at an 11-month high on Thursday on the back of overnight gains in Wall Street and an improved earnings outlook for blue chips, brokers said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index closed at 1,191.06. It was the index's highest close since July 1, 2002, when it ended at 1,195.37.

Volume last Thursday was lower at 433.71 million shares but value rose to P804.49 million from Wednesday's 494.7 million shares valued at P582.67 million.

Gainers outnumbered losers 62 to 12, with 34 stocks unchanged.

"With the positive corporate earnings outlook, coupled with an improving economic scenario and the global market turnaround, it looks like everything is turning out positive for the market," said Terence Chan of Citiseconline.com.

### SEC lifts deadline on conversion of lending investors

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has effectively lifted the deadline for lending investors to convert into financing companies following the dismal number of applications for conversion.

In a statement, the SEC said it would continue to accept applications of lending investors into financing companies despite the expiration of the June deadline for conversion.

The SEC noted that pending applications for conversion to financing companies received by the SEC as of end of May this year included 26 single proprietorships, six partnerships and 123 existing corporations.

"Even with the pending applications, the number of lending investors complying with the SEC directive is still low, considering that there are 10,885 entities that are expected to convert," the SEC said.

The corporate watchdog said that of the total number of lending investors, 5,748 were organized as single proprietorships, 797 as partnerships and 4,340 as corporations.

The SEC earlier extended to June 7 from May 2 this year the grace period for lending investors organized as single proprietorships or partnerships to convert into financing companies.

Lawmakers had requested that the SEC make the extension as legislation to firm up regulation of the lending investors was still being worked on.

Earlier, SEC Chair Lilia Bautista said the commission was not inclined to extend the deadline given that alleged perpetrators of investments scams such as Multitel's Rosario Baladjay started operating as lending investors.

Bautista had said that once the extension expired, lending investors that have not converted into financing companies could then be caught and prosecuted if

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### NDC bond float approved

THE STATE-OWNED National Development Corp. has approved the issuance of P4 billion worth of bonds to finance the construction of more than 10,000 classrooms nationwide, the Department of Trade and Industry announced yesterday.

For the initial implementation of the DTI-NDC's School Building Program, P169 million has been allocated for the construction of 500 classrooms.

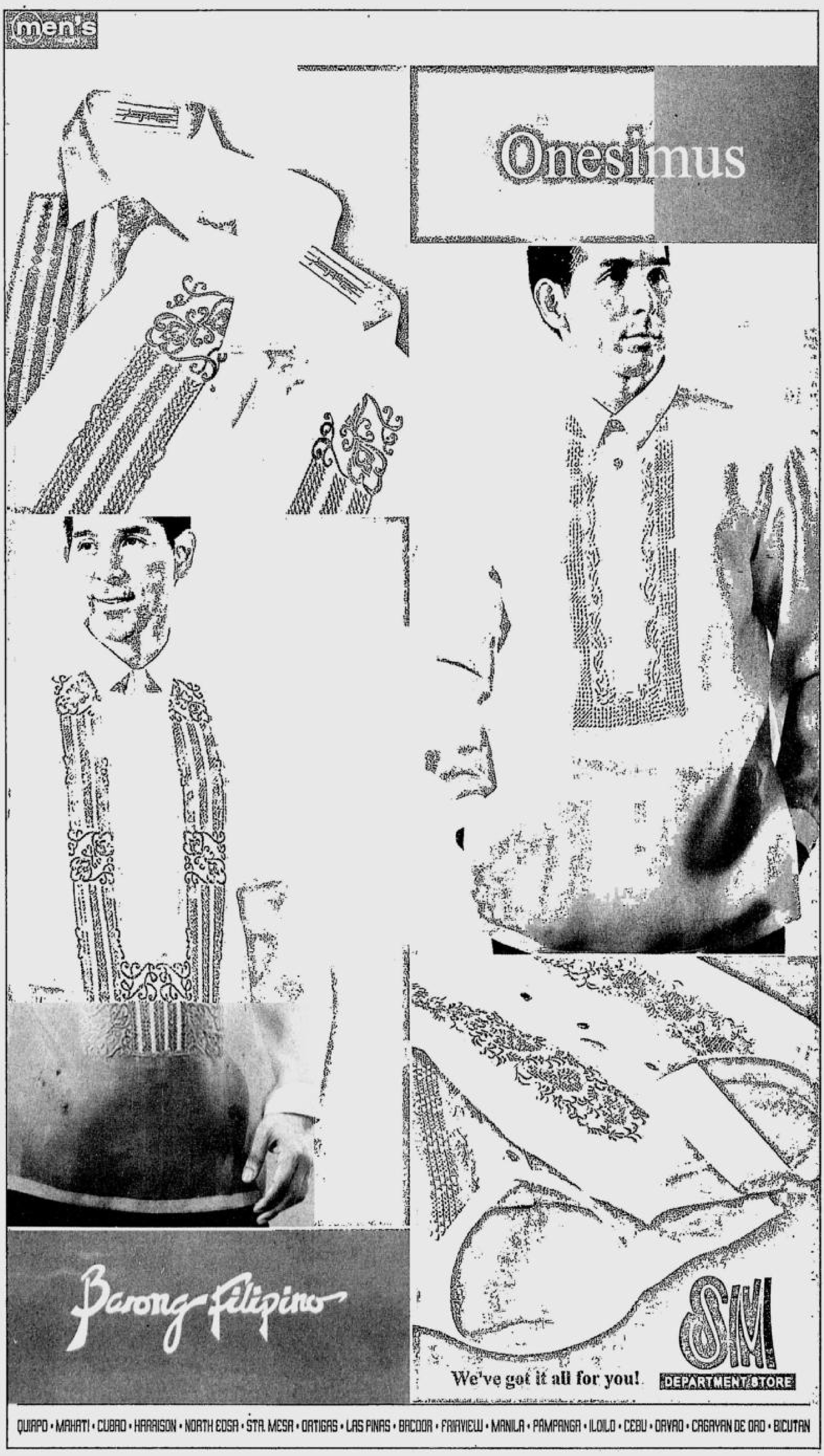
NDC has been coordinating with local government units (LGUs) and the Department of Education (DepEd) to work on the estimated number of classrooms that have to be built to fill the need of public schools. Currently, the program places the number at 44,717 for elementary and high school.

The first 12 LGUs that will benefit from the program are Sto. Tomas, Batangas; Sta. Rosa, Siniloan and Pakil in Laguna; Bauang, La Union; Cadiz City, Negros Occidental; San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan; Binalonan, Pangasinan; Mabalacat, Pampanga; and the provinces of Tarlac, Nueva Ecija and Bulacan.

"This project hopes to address the shortage of classrooms, equip our students with adequate facilities and give them quality education," Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II said in a statement.

The construction of classrooms will be undertaken based on the approved plans, designs, standards and specifications set by the DepEd and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

*Michelle V. Remo*



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# Tough-looking woman has soft spot for charity

By Michelle V. Remo

FEATURE

SOME may find it odd that a stern-looking woman like Livia "Honeygirl" Singson-De Leon heads a charity organization, such as the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. The stereotype, after all, calls for someone who seems relaxed and smiles a lot.

But while she may not look the part, the seemingly hard-to-please PCSO chief possesses just the right qualities for the government job that almost always tags politics along with it.

Honeygirl wielded her strong personality like a weapon to drive away controversies that came together with government service, and she has been successful at it for over two decades.

"I don't let criticism nor controversy affect my work, but at the same time, I don't let them adversely affect the image and operations of the office," Honeygirl said, when asked how she handles negative issues thrown against her.

One such controversy was when she was accused of mismanagement and railroading a P600-million contract in favor of certain suppliers and distributors for the new PCSO game called, "Cash and Car Promo."

When the controversy hit the front pages of major dailies, the PCSO chief immediately slapped her detractors with a P50-million libel suit, and her critics were silenced.

"The best way to undo the effects of negative issues is to show a good performance. They could not prove mismanagement since PCSO is doing well, especially in terms of revenue," she explained.

Her ability to handle controversies is probably the best proof that she is indeed the sister of Luis "Chavit" Singson, the man who blew the whistle against former President Joseph Estrada, eventually leading to the latter's ouster.

"I sometimes tend to get emotional when I receive criticisms, but my ability to hide my feelings while doing my work is the thing I learned from Chavit. He made me realize that no one can please everybody," she said.

Honeygirl was actively involved in her elder brother's political career. She helped orchestrate his political campaigns and she was a member of his Congressional staff.

She said one reason why she became an expert at dealing with intrigues in government service was the fact that her brother's life has always been accompanied by controversies.

SINGSON-DE LEON has always lived with controversies.

From receiving death threats because of a bitter political rivalry in Ilocos Sur, where Chavit served as governor, to going against no less than the former President of the country, his experiences made Honeygirl and the whole Singson family almost immune to the threats of controversies, she added.

Aside from her tough façade, Honeygirl is also known for her penchant for hard work and perfection.

HONEYGIRL laments that there never is enough money to finance all requested projects.

"I have high expectations from my subordinates. They know I get impatient if I don't get the results that are expected of them," she said.

She, however, is known to help her staff along if work falls behind schedule.

"I hate being idle. I do paper works even inside the car to make good use of my time while caught in traffic," she said.

The time she spends at work, however, has admittedly cut down on the time that she spends with her husband and three boys. But after 20 years, she said her family is used to her devotion to public service.

She started working in government in 1983 as a board member of the Philippine Tobacco Administration. Before entering PCSO in 2001, Honeygirl served as director general of the Technical and Livelihood Resource Center.

"They know I really want to spend more time with them, but it's just that my work is really time consuming. So what happens is that the time I spend with them is quality time," she said.

If there is someone that Honeygirl credits for her flair for hard work, Honeygirl said that it would have to be her parents.

Though both belonged to two of the most affluent families in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Honeygirl said they did not live a stress-free life.

"My dad was a businessman and ran several establishments, like a movie house and a trucking service, while my mom was involved in the tobacco business," she said.

Though she and her siblings could have easily gotten the things they wanted, Honeygirl said they had to earn their allowance by doing actual work in their parents' businesses, such as selling tickets in their father's movie house or selling snacks.

The PCSO chief said she applied these lessons she learned from childhood in PCSO and she drives her staff to achieve their collective goals for the organization.

Before President Macapagal-Arroyo gave Honeygirl the top post at the PCSO, the charity office was earning about P6 billion in annual revenue. Since she assumed office in 2001, PCSO's revenue increased to P9 billion a year.

This was a result of a number of programs aimed at expanding the market and increasing the number of individuals and institutions benefiting from the PCSO charity fund.

But earning more revenue for the organization and institutionalizing programs are not what Honeygirl considers as her achievements as PCSO head.

"What I would call my own achievement is getting people together to attain common goals for the organization," she said. She added that she has always credited herself for making people work as a team and her staff agrees.

"She may seem intimidating, but she actually has the knack for inspiring people around her," one staff member said.

While hitting organizational goals sounds natural for her, meeting them is not as simple as it seems.

Honeygirl said the toughest part about heading the PCSO is balancing the requests for fund assistance and generating revenue.

"From the outside, there is this perception that the PCSO has a lot of revenue, but once inside, you will realize that there never seems to be enough money," she said.

Increasing the revenue to P9 billion, however, has enabled the PCSO to finance more projects and Honeygirl is bent on earning even more for the PCSO.

"I would like to be remembered as someone who saw the problems and did something to solve them," she said.

THE PCSO chief's goal is to increase the state firm's revenue to fund more projects.

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# *Thrift banks' real estate loans still high*

**By Doris C. Dumlao**

REAL estate loans extended by the country's thrift banks eased by 1.6 percent to P43.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 2002 from the previous quarter's P43.8 billion, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported.

However, compared to the year-ago level of P37.3 billion, the fourth quarter 2002 figure was 15.6 percent higher.

This figure, which includes loans granted by both the bank proper and the trust departments of thrift banks, represented 28.2 percent of the sector's total loan portfolio for the year, or an expansion from the ratio of 26.1 percent in the previous year.

"The majority of the industry's real estate loans remained concentrated in the bank proper at 99 percent," the BSP said in a statement.

In another development, the sector's past-due ratio on real estate loans inched up to 12.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 2002 from the previous quarter's 12.2 percent. The past-due ratio was likewise higher by 2.7 percentage points from last year's 10.2 percent.

"As to the purposes of the loans, acquisition of residential property recorded the highest share in real estate loan exposure at 55.9 percent, followed by development of subdivision for housing at 14.7 percent," the BSP said.

The BSP also said there was no significant change in the regional distribution of real estate loans as the exposure of the sector continued to be concentrated in the National Capital Region.

The banks' exposure to the real estate sector is being monitored tightly by regulators and investors as the reversal of this volatile sector was among the major reasons behind the Asian currency turmoil in 1997.

As of February this year, the thrift bank sector's overall nonperforming loan ratio slightly rose to 12.24 percent from 12.22 percent in January.

Restructuring continued to be pursued by the industry as a measure to address delinquent accounts.

## SAFEGUARD VS DUMPING

# Court says DTI chief has final say on tariff shield imposition

ROXAS

**By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.**

THE TRADE and industry secretary has the final say on the imposition of safeguard measures being sought by domestic industries seeking protection from import surge.

In its decision on a petition filed by the Philippine Cement Manufacturers Corp. (Philcemcor), the Court of Appeals upheld the Department of Trade and Industry secretary's power to overturn the recommendation of the Tariff Commission on the imposition of safeguard tariffs.

The CA ruled that the Tariff Commission's finding was recommendatory and that it was the DTI Secretary who has the final say on the matter based on its study of Republic Act 8800 or the Safeguard Measures Law and its implementing rules and regulation.

"The DTI Secretary may issue an independent judgment affirming the Commission's recommendation or even totally departing from the decision and ordering its reversal," according to Associate Justice Elvi John Asuncion.

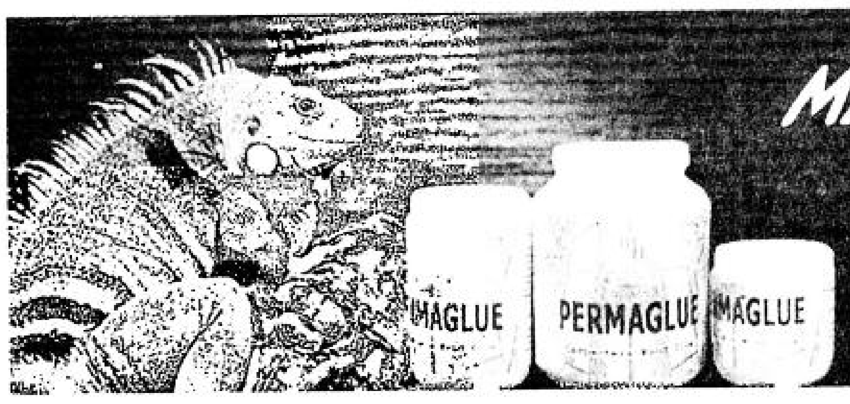
Philcemcor filed a petition last year to block the order of Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II to lift the provisional duty of P20.60 per 40-kg bag of imported cement even though he disagreed with the Tariff Commission's decision denying the industry's petition for tariff protection against cheap cement imports that have eroded the domestic players' market share.

The Department of Justice had opined that Roxas was bound by the negative recommendation of the Tariff Commission. It claimed that the DTI could make changes only if the Tariff Commission had granted the petition for tariff cover.

It remains to be seen, however, if Roxas would use his power to continue the tariff cover granted to Philcemcor.

The CA had ruled that the provisional duty on cement should not be collected for more than 200 days under RA 8800. This decision is expected to free up over P60 million in funds for cement importers that paid the extra P20.60 per bag on all their shipments since December 2001 and allow them to resume their importation.

Roxas has defended the imposition of the provisional duty on cement imports because it has led to lower and more stable cement prices through the peak construction period—Portland cement has been kept at P102 per bag or 18.4 percent lower than its price of P125 a year ago.



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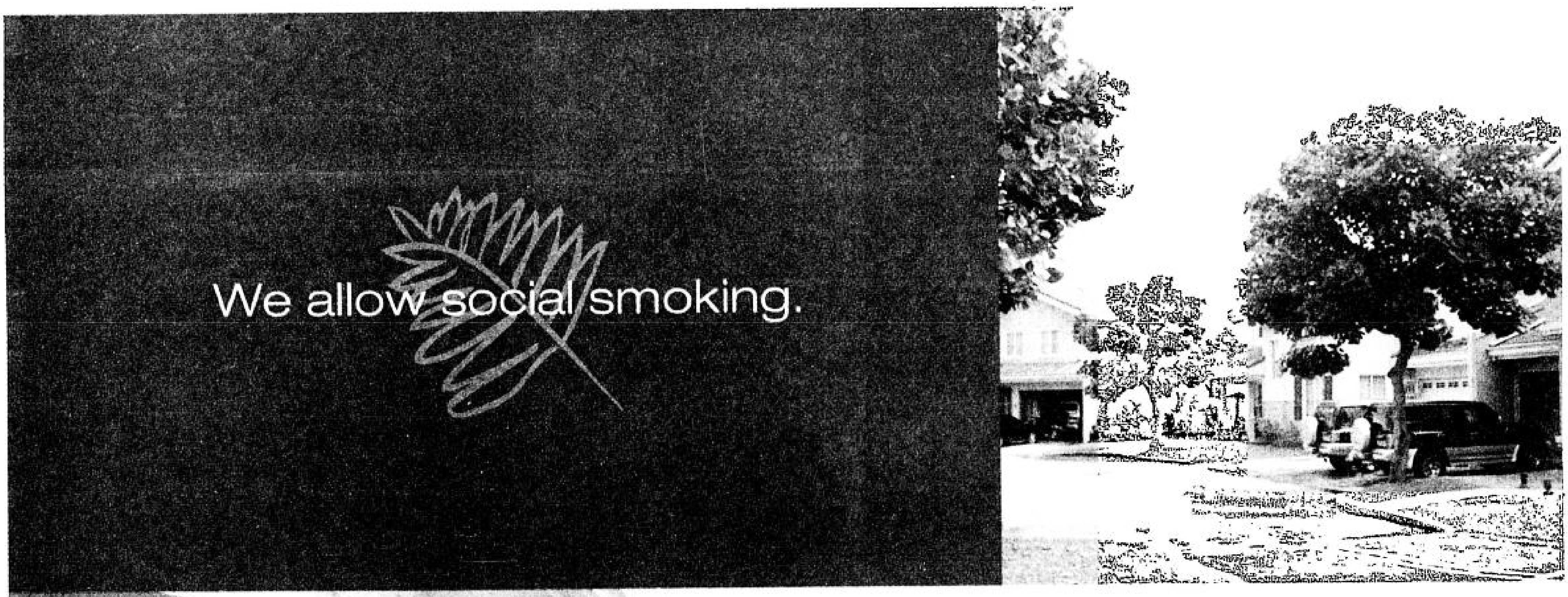

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# Message on the battle

**BREAKTIME**

*Conrado R. Banal III*

FRANKLY, I was not deeply honored to receive a long e-mail message from a certain Ron Brown, who I understand was the corporate secretary of First Pacific in Hong Kong.

That was of course until he lost in a famous corporate battle, in which he allegedly led a campaign to oust his Filipino boss, Manny Pangilinan.

As a result, Ron's title today is "former" corporate secretary of First Pacific.

"Conrad," Ron's letter greeted me, although for the life of me I would never know how he found out my nickname, because my byline said "Conrado." You know—Pinoy!

After going out of his way to give me that touching warm greeting, Ron immediately went to the point. His first sentence read:

"In the interest of maintaining a semblance of professionalism, rather than resorting to 'personal counter-attacks' upon you, your principles, your character and your job, as a reporter..." Thank you, attorney!

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I'M sure Ron does not know me from Adam. That's probably why he sends his letter to me through the INQUIRER's web page.

Of course, if you send me something through our web page, it will be forwarded to me by—who else—my boss.

But then again, Ron has a local PR girl. She actually arranged his teleconference from Hong Kong with a group of local reporters, which of course excluded the INQUIRER.

Little Miss PR surely knows how to get in touch with me. Believe me, she has done it many times before.

But of course those were the times when she wanted me to write "nice" things about her clients, or "bad" things about her clients' enemies.

I am not sure what Ron knows and doesn't know about my "professionalism," but he should have asked his PR girl.

He would have known that, in all these years, I never accepted money from her. Okay, let's not be civil anymore. I never got the bribe.

Okay, admittedly, at one time, she sent to my house a small painting. This I immediately threw away. Poor taste.

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BUT in my job, sending personal letters to reporters which their bosses can read, well, is a traditional tactic for getting back at them.

And so Ron did not want to talk about my "professionalism" as a reporter. He just referred to it several times in his letter.

Now I know what they meant when they said, at that time when Ron reportedly headed the "oust Manny" campaign, that Ron is a master of intrigues.

He sounds much like the PR girl whom he probably hired to manage the local press, the INQUIRER excluded.

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TO me it's just fine that Ron did not want to talk about "professionalism." I am not sure if you can call it "professionalism," when you mastermind a campaign to oust your boss.

But I notice that, in his letter to "Conrad," Ron carefully avoids any reference to that PR-organized teleconference.

Still, he clears up matters with me, saying he only talked to the local press, because the local press had been dying to talk to him.

Okay, assuming Ron is the hottest copy in local media, even more than a month after he "resigned" from First Pacific, which is even based in Hong Kong.

Sure, local media always take a lot of interest over resigned executives in Hong Kong. I thank Ron for making me aware of such a new trend in local media.

From what I gather, the INQUIRER also wanted to join Ron's PR-organized press teleconference. Apparently, his own PR girl wanted us out.

In my book, if you choose which media to talk to, just to say bad things about your former boss, it's not exactly the mark of—what does Ron call it—"professionalism."

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MY "professionalism" may be suspect, but I'm not the one who headed a group seeking to kick out my boss, who personally hired me, and when I lost, I had to resign, but not before I could swing a fat "separation" package, which I designed myself, by the way, and then after getting the money, I hired a local PR to organize a teleconference, with well-chosen media outfits, of course, and then I talked about some secrets of my former employer, with particular emphasis on what's bad about its plans, which were all based on my own untested idea of what is good for the company.

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RON may have brilliant ideas on how to manage First Pacific, which has a major interest in PLDT, but for now they will remain simply that—just ideas.

Because, whether he likes it or not, Ron has no way of proving that his ideas are correct. He lost in his campaign to oust Manny. He is out of the company.

He can talk to media all day about what's good or bad for the company. Nothing will come out of it. He is not exactly in the position to implement them.

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SOME technical matters about cash flow and stock prices of First Pacific and PLDT came up in Ron's letter to Conrad.

He explained some highbrow things which he supposedly said during the teleconference in which the INQUIRER was not invited. No, actually, we were not wanted.

Ron supposedly "acknowledged" PLDT's "improved profitability." And so he tells me that he never said PLDT is a problem company.

It's just that PLDT is not the right investment for First Pacific. See, to Ron, it is not a problem even if it is not the right investment.

But that is precisely the root of it all. The "oust-Manny campaign" had something to do with whether or not PLDT is the right kind of investment for First Pacific.

Manny was for keeping PLDT, Ron was not, because he headed the First Pacific clique which sided with the Gokongwei group in its PLDT takeover bid.

Sure, Ron was not badmouthing PLDT and Manny. Ron is only saying, in effect, that Manny is wrong in keeping the PLDT investment, and that Ron himself is right.

How does that paint Manny in local media then? Let me see—how about "an incompetent fool?" This is not badmouthing PLDT and Manny to Ron.

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AND so let me just quote a recent market report of Citicorp Smith Barney which was written by a certain Anil Daswani.

"First Pacific has been one of the best performing conglomerates, outperforming the Hang Seng index by 80 percent.

"Stock has taken off ever since news of recent executive departures made headlines: Ron Brown, Michael Healy and Rebecca Brown have left the firm.

"The retiring management members were publicly opposed to group CEO Manuel Pangilinan's moves to retain an interest in PLDT."

The report also noted that, since the start of the year, the stock price of First Pacific went up by 46 percent, and PLDT's by 60 percent.

# SEC OKs ₱2-B AMA bond float

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has approved the planned issuance of as much as P2 billion in zero-coupon bonds by AMA Computer University Inc. and AMA Education Corp. to pre-need companies.

In a briefing, SEC Chair Lilia Bautista said the Commission approved the exemption of the bonds from registration since these would be sold to a few pre-need companies.

Bautista added that the SEC imposed two conditions on the sale of the bonds to pre-need companies.

First, acceptance of the bonds into a pre-need company's trust fund must be subject to evaluation of the trustee bank on whether or not the AMA debt instruments were indeed good investments.

Second, the AMA bonds must not exceed 5 percent of the total trust fund of a pre-need company.

At present, trustee banks or investment houses manage the trust funds of pre-need companies. Trust funds represent the amount set aside by a pre-need company to pay for its obligations to planholders.

In its application with the SEC, the AMA group said it planned to issue P1.5 billion worth of IT education bonds with an option to raise this up by another P500 million when there is an oversubscription.

The bonds will be exchangeable to tuition fee credits up to a maximum of 50 percent of the face value on each school year starting 2005 to 2007.

Ownership and trading of the bonds shall be in scripless form and lodged with the Philippine Central Depository Inc.

Issue price will be at a discount to face value based on year-to-maturity determined on auction date.

Face value of the bonds will be paid in full upon maturity.

The SEC noted that the proposed bonds were exempt from registration given that the planned sale of the securities would be to less than 20 persons in the Philippines during a 12-month period.

It was not clear which pre-need companies would acquire the AMA bonds.

If ever, the AMA bonds would be the second type of offering this year following the issuance last month of P1 billion in knowledge certificates by the STI group, another chain of IT schools.

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# Banco Filipino denies request for inspection of its financial statements

BANCO FILIPINO has formally denied the request of Ana Maria Aguirre-Koruga, sister of bank vice chair Albert Aguirre, to inspect the bank's books, leaving the door open for possible legal action against the bank.

In a letter dated June 4 to Koruga's counsel, Jose Bernas, BF corporate secretary Francisco Rivera said that in a meeting that day the bank's executive committee denied Koruga's request for inspection.

Rivera said the committee took note that previous information obtained by Koruga were used for media purposes which caused abnormal withdrawal of deposits in the bank last December and which continued to adversely affect the bank until now.

Rivera said that paragraph three of section 74 of the Corporation Code allowed the bank to deny the inspection.

Earlier, in a May 26 letter, Bernas notified BF that Koruga would inspect the records of the loan account of BF Homes Depot, among the borrower-corporations that Koruga had asked the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to investigate for alleged irregularities.

In a letter-response dated June 9, Bernas denied that his client had caused a "bank run."

"We have no knowledge of a bank run. We are also unaware that the bank has made any disclosures to the stockholders, to the public or to the regulators about a bank run," Bernas said. "However, we are informally informed that a large withdrawal was made by a business entity controlled by the bank's chairman and president, Teodoro Arcenas Jr. If his withdrawal qualifies as a run, certainly that withdrawal was not caused by our client."

Bernas also requested Rivera to furnish in three days the names of the executive committee members, particularly those who decided to deny Koruga's request to inspect corporate books.

"Unless you inform us otherwise, within the next three days, we will assume that all the members of the committee, including yourself, resolved to deny our client her right to inspection, and we will proceed to prosecute without further notice," Bernas said. *Elena R. Torrijos*

## PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of June 12, 2003)

| STOCKS | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE | VOLUME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| BANKS | | | | | |
| Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc. | 4.15 | 4.2 | 4.15 | 4.2 | 10,000 |
| Banco de Oro Univ. Bank | 15.75 | 16.25 | 15.75 | 16.25 | 214,900 |
| Bank of the Phil. Islands | 44.5 | 46.5 | 44.5 | 46.5 | 1,569,100 |
| China Banking Corp. | 710 | 710 | 710 | 710 | 400 |
| Citystate Savings Bank | 14.25 | 14.25 | 14.25 | 14.25 | 2,000 |
| Equitable PCI Bank Inc. | 32 | 33 | 32 | 33 | 744,100 |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust | 30 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 646,700 |
| Philippine National Bank | 23 | 23.5 | 23 | 23 | 761,600 |
| Phil. Savings Bank | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 11,000 |
| Security Bank Corp. | 11.75 | 12 | 11.75 | 12 | 322,800 |
| Union Bank of the Phil. | 18.5 | 18.75 | 18.5 | 18.75 | 48,700 |
| FINANCIAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| Bankard Inc. | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 817,000 |
| Filipino Fund Inc. | 2.65 | 2.65 | 2.65 | 2.65 | 1,000 |
| Manulife Financial Corp. | 1520 | 1535 | 1520 | 1535 | 1,920 |
| PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc. | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 20,000 |
| Sun Life Financial Serv. | 1115 | 1115 | 1110 | 1110 | 1,120 |
| COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL | | | | | |
| COMMUNICATION | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. | 16 | 16.5 | 16 | 16.25 | 30,100 |
| Digital Telecom Phils Inc. | 0.73 | 0.77 | 0.72 | 0.75 | 15,690,000 |
| Globe Telecom Inc. | 620 | 620 | 615 | 620 | 37,200 |
| Island Info and Tech Inc. | 0.043 | 0.043 | 0.042 | 0.042 | 5,300,000 |
| ISM Communications Corp. | 0.022 | 0.022 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 9,100,000 |
| Liberty Telecoms Holdings | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 150,000 |
| Pilipino Tel. Corp. | 0.37 | 0.38 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 6,870,000 |
| Phil. Long Dis Tel Co. | 495 | 495 | 490 | 492.5 | 128,990 |
| Ivantage Corp. | 0.43 | 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.45 | 2,070,000 |
| Philweb Corp. | 0.012 | 0.013 | 0.012 | 0.013 | 51,300,000 |
| POWER & ENERGY | | | | | |
| Manila Electric Co. A | 7.7 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 1,280,000 |
| Manila Electric Co. B | 11.75 | 12.75 | 11.75 | 12.75 | 3,470,500 |
| Petron Corp. | 1.84 | 1.92 | 1.84 | 1.86 | 11,286,000 |
| Trans-Asia Oil and Energy | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 100,000 |
| TRANSPORTATION SERVICES | | | | | |
| Asian Terminals Inc. | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.58 | 1.6 | 1,617,000 |
| Int'l Container Term'l Sv | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 1,876,000 |
| Lorenzo Shipping Corp. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100,000 |
| Negros Navigation Co.Inc. | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 420,000 |
| CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS | | | | | |
| Engineering Equip. Inc. | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 1,360,000 |
| Sanitary Wares Mfg. Corp. | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 30,000 |
| Union Cement Corp. | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 1,640,000 |
| FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO | | | | | |
| Ginebra San Miguel Inc. | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 17,000 |
| Jollibee Foods Corp. | 16.25 | 16.25 | 16.25 | 16.25 | 406,500 |
| RFM Corp. | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 130,000 |
| San Miguel Corp. A | 54.5 | 55 | 54 | 54.5 | 163,700 |
| San Miguel Corp. B | 64 | 64 | 62.5 | 64 | 259,900 |
| HOLDING FIRMS | | | | | |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg A | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 20,000 |
| Ayala Corp. | 4.7 | 4.95 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 20,355,000 |
| Aboitiz Equity Ventures | 2.3 | 2.34 | 2.3 | 2.32 | 211,000 |
| Alliance Global Group Inc. | 11.75 | 11.75 | 11.75 | 11.75 | 600 |
| Ajo.Net Holdings Inc. | 0.026 | 0.027 | 0.026 | 0.026 | 2,800,000 |
| A. Soriano Corp. | 0.6 | 0.63 | 0.6 | 0.63 | 25,820,000 |
| Alcorn Gold Res. Corp. | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 10,000,000 |
| ATN Holdings Inc. | 1.64 | 1.7 | 1.64 | 1.7 | 70,000 |
| Benpres Holdings Corp. | 0.43 | 0.47 | 0.43 | 0.45 | 33,880,000 |
| Basic Consolidated Inc. | 0.0725 | 0.0725 | 0.0725 | 0.0725 | 100,000 |
| Southeast Asian Cement | 0.037 | 0.037 | 0.037 | 0.037 | 3,200,000 |
| DMCI Holdings Inc. | 0.245 | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 1,860,000 |
| Filinvest Dev. Corp. | 1.12 | 1.2 | 1.12 | 1.2 | 368,000 |
| First Phil Hldgs Corp. | 9.2 | 10 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 4,479,000 |
| Global Equities Inc. | 0.095 | 0.1 | 0.095 | 0.1 | 1,000,000 |
| Ionics Inc. | 0.72 | 0.8 | 0.72 | 0.75 | 1,450,000 |
| J.G. Summit Holdings Inc. | 1.52 | 1.54 | 1.5 | 1.54 | 1,443,000 |
| Macroasia Corp. | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 20,000 |
| Megaworld Corp. | 0.74 | 0.76 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 2,700,000 |
| Multitech Inv. Corp. | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 140,000 |
| Metro Pacific Corp. | 0.205 | 0.21 | 0.2 | 0.205 | 5,260,000 |
| Music Corp. | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.33 | 0.36 | 5,850,000 |
| Philtread Holdings Corp. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2,000 |
| East Asia Power Res. Corp. | 0.055 | 0.055 | 0.055 | 0.055 | 600,000 |
| Solid Group Inc. | 0.25 | 0.28 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 210,000 |
| Tanduay Holdings Inc. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 15,000 |
| Wellex Industries Inc. | 0.65 | 0.67 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 190,000 |
| MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING | | | | | |
| Mabuhay Vinyl Corp. | 1.66 | 1.7 | 1.66 | 1.7 | 29,000 |
| Pryce Corp. | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 50,000 |
| SPI Technologies Inc. | 15.75 | 15.75 | 15.75 | 15.75 | 15,000 |
| HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES | | | | | |
| Belle Corp. | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 6,500,000 |
| Fairmont Holdings Inc. | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 100,000 |
| Leisure & Resorts Corp. | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 40,000 |
| Mondragon Intl Phils Inc. | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 150,000 |
| Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc. | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 800,000 |
| Philippine Racing Club | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10,000 |
| BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr) | 16 | 17 | 16 | 16.5 | 649,500 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series V | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 1,000 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series W | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 1,000 |
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| PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 3,000 |
| PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 1,000 |
| Philweb Corp. - Warrants | 0.002 | 0.0024 | 0.002 | 0.0024 | 7,000,000 |
| OTHERS | | | | | |
| Centro Escolar University | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 405,000 |
| PROPERTY | | | | | |
| Ayala Land Inc. | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 9,929,000 |
| C & P Homes Inc. | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 500,000 |
| Cyber Bay Corp. | 0.135 | 0.15 | 0.135 | 0.15 | 1,830,000 |
| Empire East Land Inc. | 0.195 | 0.205 | 0.195 | 0.195 | 9,020,000 |
| Edsa Prop. Holdings Inc. | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 50,000 |
| Filinvest Land Inc. | 0.95 | 1 | 0.95 | 0.97 | 31,130,000 |
| Kuok Phil. Properties | 0.055 | 0.0775 | 0.055 | 0.06 | 6,700,000 |
| Fil-Estate Land Inc. | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.165 | 0.165 | 540,000 |
| Robinsons Land Corp. | 1.42 | 1.42 | 1.42 | 1.42 | 70,000 |
| SM Prime Holdings Inc. | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 26,207,000 |
| MINING | | | | | |
| Abra Mining & Industrial | 0.0036 | 0.0036 | 0.0036 | 0.0036 | 10,000,000 |
| Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1,000 |
| Dizon Copper Silver Mines | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1,000 |
| Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 200,000 |
| Omico Corp. | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.0038 | 0.004 | 56,000,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. B | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 300,000 |
| OIL | | | | | |
| Interport Res. | 0.0026 | 0.0028 | 0.0026 | 0.0028 | 5,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. A | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 10,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. B | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 0.0028 | 4,000,000 |
| The Philodrill Corp. A | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 10,000 |
| Pacifica | 0.0095 | 0.0095 | 0.0095 | 0.0095 | 2,000,000 |
| Sinophil Corp. | 0.022 | 0.024 | 0.022 | 0.024 | 2,000,000 |

| | SHARES | VALUE(P) |
|---|---|---|
| Bank & Fin Svc | 5,172,340 | 147,886,910.00 |
| Comm'l & Ind'l. | 252,631,990 | 421,821,715.00 |
| PRO | 85,976,000 | 233,942,800.00 |
| Mining | 66,502,000 | 377,520.00 |
| OIL | 23,010,000 | 119,200.00 |
| GRAND TOTALS: | 433,292,330 | 804,148,145.00 |
| | AVERAGES | |
| Bank & Fin Svc | 434.15 | UP 16.00 |
| Comm'l & Ind'l | 1,692.55 | UP 21.76 |
| PRO | 505.77 | UP 9.70 |
| Mining | 1,169.70 | DOWN 1.75 |
| OIL | 1.14 | UP 0.01 |
| All Shares Index | 739.06 | UP 7.07 |
| Composite | 1,191.06 | UP 22.31 |

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## INTEREST RATES

**June 12, 2003—MART 1 Rates**

| Benchmark Interest Rates | MART1 12-Jun-03 (%) | MART1 11-Jun-03 (%) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Month | 6.2385 | 5.9942 |
| 3 Months | 6.2346 | 5.9538 |
| 6 Months | 7.2904 | 6.9481 |
| 1 Year | 7.5 | 7.3731 |
| 2 Years | 8.4904 | 8.3885 |
| 3 Years | 9.5635 | 9.3731 |
| 4 Years | 10.1346 | 10.0769 |
| 5 Years | 10.4808 | 10.4442 |
| 7 Years | 11.3135 | 11.1115 |
| 10 Years | 11.6039 | 11.4712 |
| 20 Years | 12.1654 | 12.175 |
| 25 Years | 12.6635 | 12.6192 |

SOURCE: MART/BLOOMBERG

# SEC lifts deadline . . .

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they continued operating.

As financing companies, lending investors would have to comply with certain minimum capital requirements and reportorial requirements.

Under the Financing Company Act, finance companies operating in Metro Manila and other first-class cities must have a minimum paid-up capital of P10 million, at least P5 million if they are operating in other cities and at least P2.5 million if they are located in municipalities. *Elena R. Torrijos*

# Tiwi steam plant rehab starts

TIWI, Albay—National Power Corp. (Napocor) started Wednesday the rehabilitation of its Tiwi Geothermal Power Plant (TGPP) in this town to restore its full electricity generation capacity.

The project is expected to bring millions of pesos to this town's coffer, provide economic and livelihood assistance to residents and support to the projects of various local organizations.

When it was still operating at full capacity, TGPP used to contribute to this municipality some P4 million monthly in royalty tax.

Abet Badillo, Napocor TGPP plant manager, said Napocor had allocated P2 billion for the rehabilitation of plants A and C situated in Barangay Cale, which covers distribution units 1,2,5 and 6.

The two plants started operating below capacity after a strong typhoon that hit Albay in 1998 damaged them.

Badillo added that the rehabilitation would cover the replacement of turbines, refurbishment of generators and other auxiliaries.

The project, scheduled for completion in January next year, is being undertaken by Marubeni-Toshiba, a Japanese firm.

In 1978, each plant cost about P700 million.

TGPP now produces only 111 megawatts of power from its four units, down from its original production level of 330 megawatts per day.

Badillo said the Japanese experts vowed to even increase each plant's power production to 59 megawatts from the original 55 megawatts, with the installation of new equipment in every plant.

From the town's share from the geothermal plant's income, the local government had set up a subsidy scheme that will benefit all power consumers in this town.

With the scheme, residential consumers pay only 20 percent of the cost of their total power consumption; commercial consumers, 30 percent, and industrial consumers, 50 percent.

Sonia Baral, a resident of Barangay Misibis, said that before the subsidy was discontinued, residential consumers paid only P1 to P10 a month, but now, they were paying around P400. *Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

# Mt. Diwalwal management, holding company formed

**By Christine A. Gaylican**

THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources and Philippine National Oil Co.–Energy Development Corp. will form a joint venture that will serve as the holding and management company in charge of the management of the Mt. Diwalwal mining area in Davao.

Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Elisea Gozun yesterday said in an interview that the semi-private subsidiary would be known as the Natural Resources and Mining Development Corp. She said it would be tasked to manage the mining resources of the Mt. Diwalwal gold rush area in the government's behalf.

Gozun said the DENR, through the Natural Resources Development Corp. (NRDC), will hold a 55-percent equity in the joint venture company while PNOC-EDC will own the remaining 45 percent.

"Since the DENR has no money, the the venture's initial capital of not less than P100 million will come from PNOC-EDC. We have agreed that PNOC-EDC will get paid as soon as revenues from Mt. Diwalwal are received," Gozun said.

The DENR has also shelved plans to borrow P50 million from the Development Bank of the Philippines for the construction of a mine tailings pond.

Gozun said that the initial funds for the mine tailings pond will also come from PNOC-EDC.

The 5- to 10- meter high mine tailings pond will be constructed 5 kilometers from the actual mine site. The Chamber of Mines led by its members Gerardo Brimo of Philex Mining, Corp., Artemio Disini of Lepanto Consolidated and Philip Romualdez of Benguet Mining Corp. have volunteered their expertise in the construction of the mine tailings dam.

The collaboration between the government and the private mining companies may cut short the time needed for the construction of the dam to five months from six months.

The pond will have an initial capacity of 450 tons per day with a 12-year mine life. About 150 tons of the tailings are expected to come from small-scale operations.

# Cebu power crisis worries businessmen

BUSINESS groups in Cebu City have expressed serious concern over the looming power crisis in Central Visayas as an independent power producer (IPP) had decided to suspend its operations following substantial financial losses.

The IPP's losses were blamed on the government's decision to peg its tariff at below the National Power Corp.'s rate.

The Cebu Private Power Corp., which supplies 25 percent of the Visayan Electric Company's (VECO) requirement, is shutting down its operations on Sunday as the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) and the Department of Energy (DOC) failed to address CPPC's predicament.

CPPC reportedly sought a modification in its rate structure early last year when the automatic rate adjustment mechanism in the agreed NPC reference rate was disabled in May last year following a cap imposed by Malacañang on Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) charges.

In a presentation to the Cebu City Council, CPPC said it had incurred losses over the past eight months due to the 20 percent reduction in the NPC reference rates. It had reportedly asked VECO for a formula pricing structure that would allow the IPP to recover its operational costs while sustaining its operations amid fluctuations in fuel prices and foreign exchange rates. The formula factors in the actual cost of generation and a reasonable rate of return.

"As the cost of generation increases or decreases, the price to VECO also goes up or down." CPPC said.

VECO reportedly refused to act on the CPPC position in the face of opposition to any possible power rate hike.

The Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), however, is open to "a reasonable rate increase" in Cebu City as VECO's IPP moves to suspend its operation following massive losses and an apparent government failure to solve the impasse.

CCCI president Carlos Co said his group was willing to shoulder an increase provided a power shortage in the city was averted. Other business groups that have expressed concern over the problem were the Cebu Chamber of Commerce, the Mandaue Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Furniture Industry Foundation and the Cebu Business Club.

Co said these groups were open to a rate hike of P0.12. "It is better than rotating brownouts."

The CCCI and the other business groups have also reportedly asked CPPC to shelve the planned shutdown.

# Aon raises stake in RP subsidiary

AYALA Aon Risk Services, Inc., one of the country's largest insurance broker, said Aon Corp. had increased its holdings in Ayala Aon from 33 percent to 66 percent.

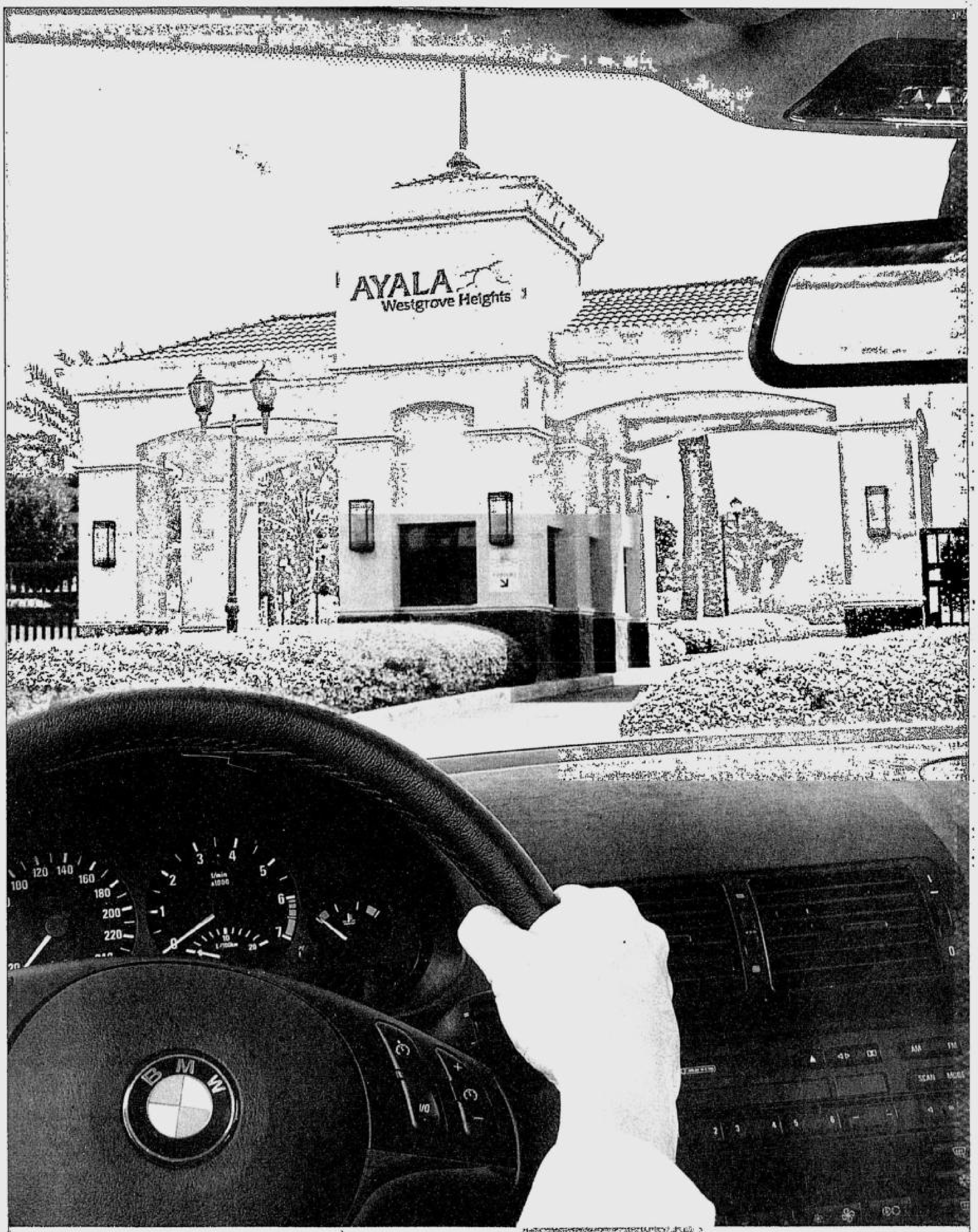
Bernard S.Y. Fung, chair and CEO of Aon Asia, said the acquisition was part of Aon's strategy to expand its distribution network in Asia.

"We are keen on growing our business in the Philippines where many of our multinational clients already operate. Given its level of proficiency in the high technology arena, we recognize the country's potential as a key player in the market. At the same time, we are seeing growth in the demand for sophisticated insurance products and services."

James G. Matti, president and CEO of Ayala Aon, said the company's growth in the Philippines was driven largely by its ability to deliver high-quality solutions to clients.

Aon entered the Philippine market following its purchase of London broker Bain Hogg in 1996, then an affiliate of Ayala Corp. Ayala Aon was subsequently established as an equal partnership among Ayala Corp., Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) and Aon. In January 2003, BPI agreed to sell its shares in the company to Aon, following its merger with Ayala Insurance Holdings Inc. the insurance underwriting arm of Ayala Corp.

Based in Chicago, Aon Corp. is a global leader in insurance and reinsurance brokering, risk management and management consulting with 5,000 employees and offices in 120 countries worldwide.



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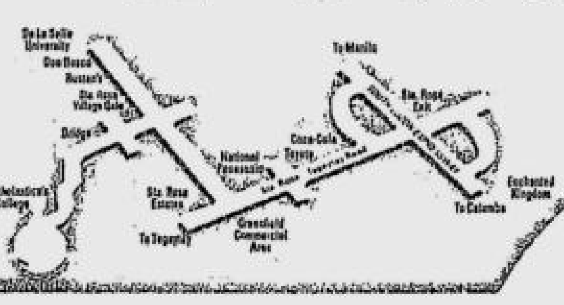

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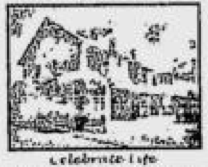

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Ring 1&2 - Sporting Group
12:00 NN - Lunch Break
12:30 PM - Registration
1:00 PM - Judging
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Ring 2 - Herding & Non-Sporting Group
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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ROMEO D. RUIVIVAR has been extrajudicially settled by the heirs under deed of extrajudicial settlement of estate dated May 15, 2003 as per Doc 47, Page 10, Book V, Series of 2003 before notary public Zenaida O. Balmas of Q.C.
(PDI- May 31, June 7, & 14 2003)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that affidavit of adjudication of estate of the late Rowena R. Morera has been executed by the sole heir Rowelito R. Morera as per Doc. No. 69, Page No. 14, Series of 2003 before Notary Public Alberto A. Aguja, Jr. of Laguna (PDI-June 7, 14 & 21, 2003)

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SBAC

### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Philippine Air Force (PAF) invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the lease of three (3) SF-260M aircraft for the Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) of the Philippine Air Force Flying School.

Prospective bidders must be duly licensed by the appropriate government agencies. Eligibility requirements/forms will be made available to contractors upon submission of the below listed required documents to the Senior Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) Secretariat, Air Logistics and Support Command (ALSC), Clark Air Base, Pampanga:

1. Letter of Intent to participate in the bidding
2. Certificate of DTI/SFC/CDA Registration

The approved budget for the lease contract is P21M php.

The particulars and schedule of activities for the bidding process will be made available to prospective bidders on 09 June 2003 (Monday) at the SBAC Secretariat at the above stated address.

The two (2) envelopes system as required by RA 9184, series of 2003 shall apply in the bidding. Bids must be submitted on or before 21 July 2003.

The Pre-Bid conference shall be held on 04 July 2003 at the ALSC Conference Room, ALSC, Clark Air Base, Pampanga.

For particulars, you may contact the SBAC Secretariat, DM office, 2nd Floor, Air Logistics and Support Command (ALSC), Clark Air Base, Pampanga or at Tel. No. 045-599-2014-2015 local 6689/ 09192353229.

The Philippine Air Force reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any defect or informality contained therein and to accept and award the contract to any bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the government. The Philippine Air Force neither assumes any obligation for any loss whatsoever that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of the bids nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) COL LORETO G SUAREZ PAF (GSC)
Chairman, Senior Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – June 7 & 14, 2003)

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June 5, 2003

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Complete sets of registration and eligibility requirements are available for issuance at the Office of the Bids and Contract Services Department (BCSD), NPC-OBC, Diliman, Quezon City.

Prospective Suppliers/Consultants shall be evaluated as to eligibility based on the non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria prescribed in the eligibility requirements. Eligible Suppliers/Consultants shall be short listed to seven (7) based on the following criteria and rating system:

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| | 1. Education | | 25% |
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| | 3. Experience | | 40% |
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**Schedule of Activities:**

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Bidding Schedule : July 4, 2003; 10:00 a.m. (Pahiyas Room, Solarium)
Approved Budget for Contract (ABC) : P210,000/ shipment/panamax

For inquiries, kindly contact the Bids and Contracts Services Department (BCSD); NPC, Diliman, Quezon City at Tel. No. (632) 924-5211 / (632) 922-4048 or log on at sediaman@napocor.com.ph.

(Sgd.) **SILVANO C. ZANORIA**
SVP, ME & TMS and
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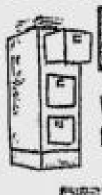

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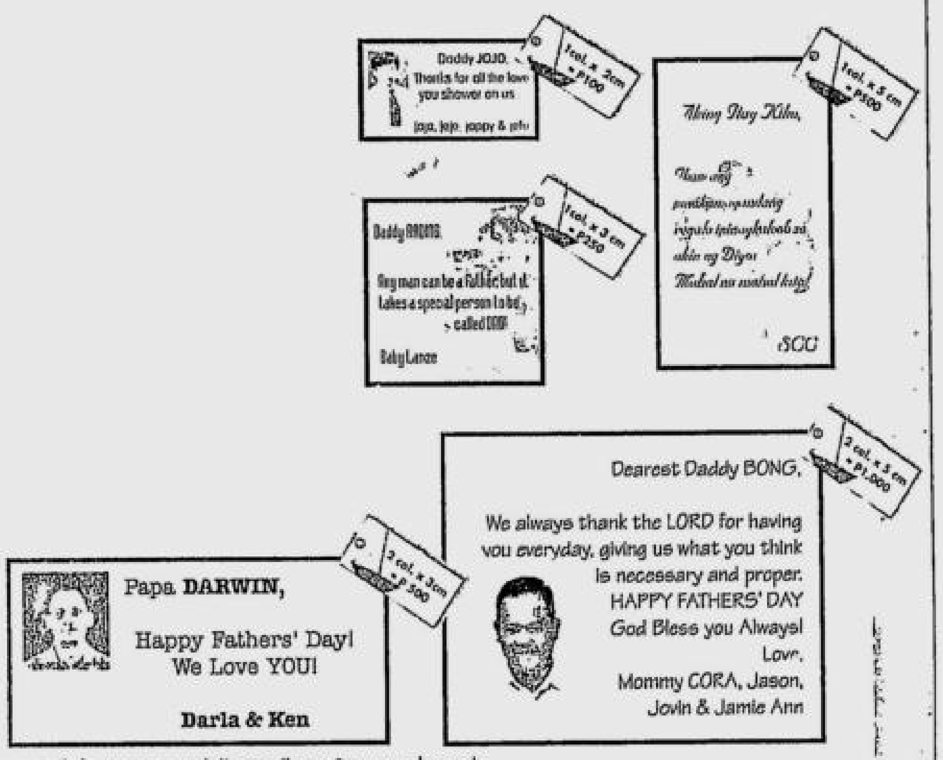

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## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Philippine Air Force (PAF) invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the establishment of Supply Support Agreement (SSA) for C-130 aircraft spares/components and Supply Support Agreement for C-130 aircraft engine spares.

Prospective bidders must be duly licensed by the appropriate government agency. Eligibility requirements/forms will be made available to contractors upon submission of the below listed required documents to the Senior Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) Secretariat, Air Logistics and Support Command (ALSC), Clark Air Base, Pampanga:

1. Letter of Intent to participate in the bidding
2. Certificate of Registration from SEC/DTI/CDA

The approved budget for each SSA is FIVE MILLION PESOS (5M php).

The Pre-bid conference and Opening of Bids will be held on **10 July 2003** and **25 July 2003**, respectively at the PAF Procurement Center conference room, CJVAB, Pasay City.

The two (2) envelopes system as required by RA 9184, series of 2003 shall apply in the bidding. Bids must be submitted on/or before 10:00 a.m., **25 July 2003**.

For particulars, you may contact the SBAC Secretariat, DM office, 2nd Floor, Air Logistics and Support Command (ALSC), Clark Air Base, Pampanga or at Tel. No. 045-599-2014/2015 local 6689/ 09192353229.

The Philippine Air Force reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or informality contained therein and to accept and award the contract to any bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the government. The Philippine Air Force neither assumes any obligation for any loss whatsoever that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of the bids nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **COL LORETO G SUAREZ PAF (GSC)**
Chairman, Senior Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--June 14 & 21, 2003)

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Republic of the Philippines
**NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY**
U.N. Avenue, Paco, Manila

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) invites Contractors / Applicators who Specialized in Waterproofing using Polyurethane Spray Foam Technology to apply for eligibility and, if subsequently found eligible, to bid for the hereunder project:

| NAME OF PROJECT | LOCATION | APPROVED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|
| Repair of MFC Warehouse #3 | NFA-ACA Compound, Valenzuela City | P4,095,688.20 |

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

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|---|---|
| Issuance of Eligibility Forms and Checklists .... | June 16-23, 2003 |
| Deadline for Submission of Eligibility Filled-up Forms and Requirements . | June 25, 2003 |
| Issuance of Bid Documents . | July 1-4, 2003 |
| Pre-bidding Conference ........ .... | July 22, 2003 |
| Submission and Opening of Bids . | August 13, 2003 |

Interested contractors shall submit their Eligibility Statements including Price Proposals in the prescribed forms to the Chairman, Regional Bid and Award Committee (RBAC), National Food Authority, U.N. Avenue, Paco, Manila.

Eligibility forms may be secured at the NFA-RBAC Secretariat upon presentation of Letter of Intent and payment of a non-refundable application fee of Php 500.00.

Bid documents and plans shall be issued only to eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 2,500.00.

All particulars relative to Eligibility, Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Pre-Bid Conference, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the provisions of R.A. 9184 and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. BASILIDES TACO**
Asst. Regional Director & RBAC Chairman

(PDI – June 14 & 21, 2003)

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REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
**KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON**
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue,
Pasig City, Philippines

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
### HNC-03-06-03

The Department of Education through the Health and Nutrition Center is inviting all suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Supply and Delivery of 600 units of Micromotor Engines. For purposes of record and in compliance with the law, the Department has an approved budget of P6,000,000.00

All interested suppliers may avail of the bidding documents upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) starting **June 9-18, 2003** at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm. 112-A, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd Website at ***http://www.deped.gov.ph***.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **June 18, 2003**, 10:00 a.m. at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. 1, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on **July 4, 2003** at the same time and place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids. DepEd-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, or not award the contract, and make no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
*Undersecretary*
*Chairman, DepEd-BAC*

(PDI - June 11, 14 & 17, 2003)

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
**SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION**
North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
P.O. Box 70, U.P., Diliman, Quezon City
TIN 0000-784-336

## INVITATION TO BID

Interested parties are invited to pre-qualify and bid for

**CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES**
**Approved Budget : Php1,784,716.80**

Only pre-qualified bidders shall be allowed to participate in the Public Bidding to be held on August 6, 2003 at the SRA Social Hall of the Sugar Regulatory Administration, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City at 9:00 a.m.

Prequalification forms may be secured from the Secretariat 3rd Floor, SRA Annex Building of the same address starting June 9 and the deadline for submission of said requirements shall be on June 23.

The list of qualified bidders shall be released on July 8, 2003. Thereafter, bid forms shall be issued for a non-refundable cost of Php500.00/set.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on July 23, 2003 at the SRA Social Hall at 9:00 a.m.

For inquiries, please call:

The Bidding Secretariat - Telephone No 929-6837

The SRA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any formalities or defect therein and to accept any or all offers that may be considered most advantageous to SRA.

(Sgd.) **JAMES C. LEDESMA**
*Administrator*

(PDI - June 7 & 14, 2003)

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TRADE & INDUSTRY

## NOTICE TO ALL BUSINESS NAME REGISTRANTS

PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(A) OF DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 15 SERIES OF 1990, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY THROUGH THE BUREAU OF TRADE REGULATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, CANCELS FROM THE RECORD ALL BUSINESS NAME REGISTRATIONS WHICH EXPIRED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003.

UNDER THE BUSINESS NAME LAW (ACT NO. 3883), AS AMENDED, OWNERS OR PROPRIETORS SHOULD RENEW THEIR BUSINESS NAME REGISTRATION UPON EXPIRATION THEREOF.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SERVES AS A FORMAL NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.

(Sgd.) Asst. Dir. Jaime Lasaro L. Olmos
*Caretaker, BTRCP*

(PDI - June 14, 2003)

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## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
### HNC 03-05-19

The Department of Education through the Health and Nutrition Center is inviting all suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Supply and Delivery of 1,454,544 packs of Fortified Instant Noodles. For purposes of record and in compliance with the law, the Department has an approved budget of P5,090,904.00.

All interested suppliers may avail of the bidding documents upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) starting **June 16-25, 2003** at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm. 112-A, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd Website at *http://www.deped.gov.ph.*

A pre-bid conference will be held on **June 25, 2003**, 10:00 AM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. 1, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on **July 9, 2003** at the same time and place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids. DepEd-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
*Undersecretary*
*Chairman, DepEd-BAC*

(PDI – June 14 & 17, 2003)

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TransCo
**National Transmission Corporation**
South Luzon Operation & Maintenance
San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna

June 12, 2003

## INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Transmission Corporation South Luzon Operation & Maintenance invites interested Contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the proposed project/undertaking listed hereunder

| Contract Code/Title | Location | Duration | Budget of the Project to be bid | Source of Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TRANS-03-SPDBa-EG-02, Completion of Slope Protection of Tower 109 Daraga-Bacman 230 kV TL | Inang Maharang Manito, Albay | 60 calendar days | P852,282.10 | ICG |

The contract to be performed by the successful bidder shall consist of Furnishing All Labor, Materials, Supplies, Tools, Equipment, Supervision & Other Incidentals necessary to complete the Slope Protection of Tower 109 Daraga-Bacman 230 kV TL.

Application for eligibility is open to Filipino contractors with the following valid License and Registration Particulars issued by PCAB. *(Application is also open to a joint venture of Filipino and foreign contractors with PCAB Special License for this project)*

| | |
|---|---|
| **License Particular** | at least "Category D &/or C–General Building" |
| **Registration Particular** | at least "Small B–Building & Industrial Plant" (Power Transmission & Distribution) |

Applications for Eligibility (legal, technical and financial documents and statements) shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria and only Eligible Bidders shall be invited by NTC in the bidding. All bids equal to or lower than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be evaluated based on the responsiveness of the contractor's offer to the contract under bidding, and shall be subject to Postqualification before an award is made. Bid Prices submitted higher than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be rejected and returned outright.

Application for Eligibility and Eligibility Forms will be available for issuance starting June 16, 2003 up to July 2, 2003 at the Regional Contracts Management Office, NTC Biñan, Laguna, Telefax No. 520 0213 and E-mail Address, rdramas@transco.ph upon presentation of Letter of Intent, original PCAB License and a payment of non-refundable fee to P500.00 per copy.

Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility, Eligibility Forms, documents and statements shall be on or before 10:00 A.M. of July 01, 2003 and shall be submitted at the office and address mentioned above. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the deadline for submission shall be moved to the next working day immediately following said date. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted.

NTC reserves the right to reject any Application for Eligibility or all bids without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communication should be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address. *(Note: This invitation was based on the latest amendments dated May 24, 2000 and July 5, 2000 of Implementing Rules and Regulations of PD 1594 & Executive Order 40)*

(Sgd.) R.D. RAMAS
Manager, Administration/
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–June 14, 2003)

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In Loving Memory

of the 18th Death Anniversary of

## FELICISIMO MANUMBALE GARING, Sr.

**former Mayor, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro**

Masses will be offered on Sunday, June 15, 2003 at the following churches:

| | |
|---|---|
| **San Nicolas De Tolentino Parish Church**<br>*Naujan, Oriental Mindoro* | 6:30 AM<br>& 8:00 AM |
| **Sanctuario De San Jose**<br>*Greenhills, San Juan* | 7:15 AM |
| **St. Benedict Chapel**<br>*Alabang Hills Village, Muntinlupa City* | 7:45 AM |
| **Christ the King Mission Seminary**<br>*E. Rodriguez, Sr. Ave., Quezon City* | 7:00 AM |
| **San Nicolas De Tolentino Parish Church**<br>*Project 8, Quezon City* | 8:30 AM |

His loving son **Atty. Silverio "Biyong" R. Garing**; brothers, sisters and the rest of the family, requests those whose lives he touched and the readers, to pray for his eternal happiness.

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*"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* Matthew 11:28

## *Edgardo Hernandez Tolentino, Sr.*

*Now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on the 12th of June 2003 at the age of 77.*

His wife MENCHIT LIBROJO TOLENTINO; children Maria Eolani, Edgardo Juan, Edsel Thomas and Sara, Edwina Therese; and grandchildren Tammy and Larrie, Rama, Lakshman, Valmiki and Narada; great grandchildren Diego, Mickey and Kaitlin, other relatives and friend- request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Nacional Memorial Homes.

Interment will be on Sunday, June 15, 2003 at the Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque after th 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass.

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## NIEVES CENDAÑA ESPERON

**January 10, 1920 - June 11, 2003**

has rejoined the **GREAT CREATOR** at the age of 83 and is now with beloved husband **HERMOGENES DE LEON ESPERON SR** in the bliss of everlasting life.

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**Virginia** & **Sabu**
**Danilo** (deceased) & **Emma**

request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at her home in **ASINGAN, PANGASINAN.**

Interment will be on June 21, 2003 at Asingan Municipal Cemetery.

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## JOSE ALEJO COTAOCO

*Died peacefully in the Grace of Our Lord on June 13, 2003 at the age of 90.*

His bereaved wife **SY KENG JO** (†); children **Benito & Margaret Uy**, **John & Louisa Uychiaco**, **Ramon**, **Doris Lourdes & Henry See**, **Joseph & Rebecca**, **Antonio**, **Rita & Stewart Go**, **Alex & Doris Tinio**, **Alice & Benito See**; grandchildren **Jerome & Georgia**, **Allan & Pia**, **Karen**, **Patricia**, **Herwin & Gina**, **Hansley**, **Halvin**, **Hester**, **Dominic**, **Andy**, **Cara**, **Peaches**, **Sydney**, **Karl**, **Kimberly**, **Angela**, **Johann**, **Mark**, and **Sandy**; great-grandchildren **Jason**, **Anton & Brian**, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Felicidad Chapel, Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque after the 8:00 A.M. Mass

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## MARIA LOURDES PASION YUZON

**January 6, 1906 - June 13, 2003**
*(Beloved wife of the late* ***Lucas L. Yuzon****)*

Her bereaved children:
**Ma. Luz** (†) **& Miguel J. Lagman**
**Dr. Bert & Thelma Yuzon**
**Antonio P. Yuzon** (†)
**Ma. Lourdes & Vicente A. Cruz, Jr.** (†)
**Belen & Tony M. Fran** (†)
**Aurelio & Marilu Yuzon**
**Johnny & Elsa Yuzon**
**Pat & Judy Yuzon**

sister: **Enriquieta P. Mallari**

brother-in-law: **Jose Pa. Lacsamana**

grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives & friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Mamang.

Her remains lie in state at Sanctuario de San Jose Parish, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila.

Interment will be on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass.

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## DANNY GERSALIA SY

*Died in the Grace of our Lord*
*on June 7, 2003*
*At the age of 47.*

His body lies in state at Ascencion of Our Lord Chapel, Lagro Subd., Novaliches, Quezon City.

Interment will be today (June 14, 2003) 2:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City.

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*Im going there to prepare a place for you*
*I will come back and take you to be with me*
*That you may also be where I am."*
John 14:23

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## LEON LAURENTE ROCHA

**(November 5, 1936 - June 10, 2003)**

His bereaved wife: Carmen; children: Danny & Lourdes Nolasco, Leon (Nonoy) & Malou, Tony & Leila Soliman; grandchildren: Jason & Liezel, Dee-Jay, Danalou, Charmaine, Michelle, Hahniel, Deryll; great-grandchild Yana, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Solace I, Arlington Memorial Chapel, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on June 15, 2003 9:00 A.M. at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City.

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## TERESITA BALMORI ATIENZA

*was called to a life of eternal happiness and to a reunion with her beloved husband Ramon on June 12, 2003 at the age of 76.*

We, her children **Ramon & Tess**, **Nito & Lollie**; grandchildren **Giancarlo** (†), **Philip**, **Vanessa**, **Nico**, **Tanya**, **Mikaela**, **Monica & Martina**; great grandchildren **Emmanuel & Marcus** request for prayers for her eternal happiness.

Her remains lie in state at the St. Benedict Chapel in Alabang Hills Village, Muntinlupa.

Interment will be on June 15, 2003 at the Loyola Memorial Park in Sucat, Parañaque, after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Benedict Chapel.

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## REDENTOR ALMARIO PUHAWAN

*of Baldwin Park, California, USA*
*Joined the Lord on June 4, 2003 at the age of 46.*

His bereaved wife AURORA; children JAYPEE & ANGELI, parents JOHNNY & ESTER; brothers RICK, RODEL, ROLY, RENE and RAMIR, sisters TITA & THELMA; brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, aunties and uncles and all other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Turner & Stevens 550 E. Main St., Alhambra, California.

Interment will be today, June 14, 2003 at Rose Hills 3888 S. Workman Mill Rd. Whitter California after the celebration of the Holy Mass at the St. Stephens Martyr Church at 320 W. Garvey Ave., California, U.S.A.

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## AMPARO SANTILLAN

**Died: June 11, 2003**

Her loving children Eddie, Mercy, Sonia and Alma; grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives request prayer for her eternal rest.

Her body lies in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment will follow on Tuesday, June 17, 2003, after the 12:00 p.m. Mass at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City

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**Think Personal**

What if there is no registry, or if you don't feel comfortable buying from it? When you know the couple well, think about what gifts they might need or enjoy. A wedding gift is traditionally for "the house" rather than for one partner exclusively --- but if the couple's housekeeping will be vastly improved by some computer accessories or a pair of ski resort tickets, the Etiquette Police don't care in the least.

**Safe Generic Gifts**

There's also a category that might be called "safe generic gifts": things you can give that will rarely be wrong, though they're not all that personalized. Avoid toasters, crockpots, and blenders. Instead look for:

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- Classic plain picture frames, especially in silver. Couples who complain that they have more frames than wedding photos should use common sense and pack away the extras for when they have photos of kids or pets.
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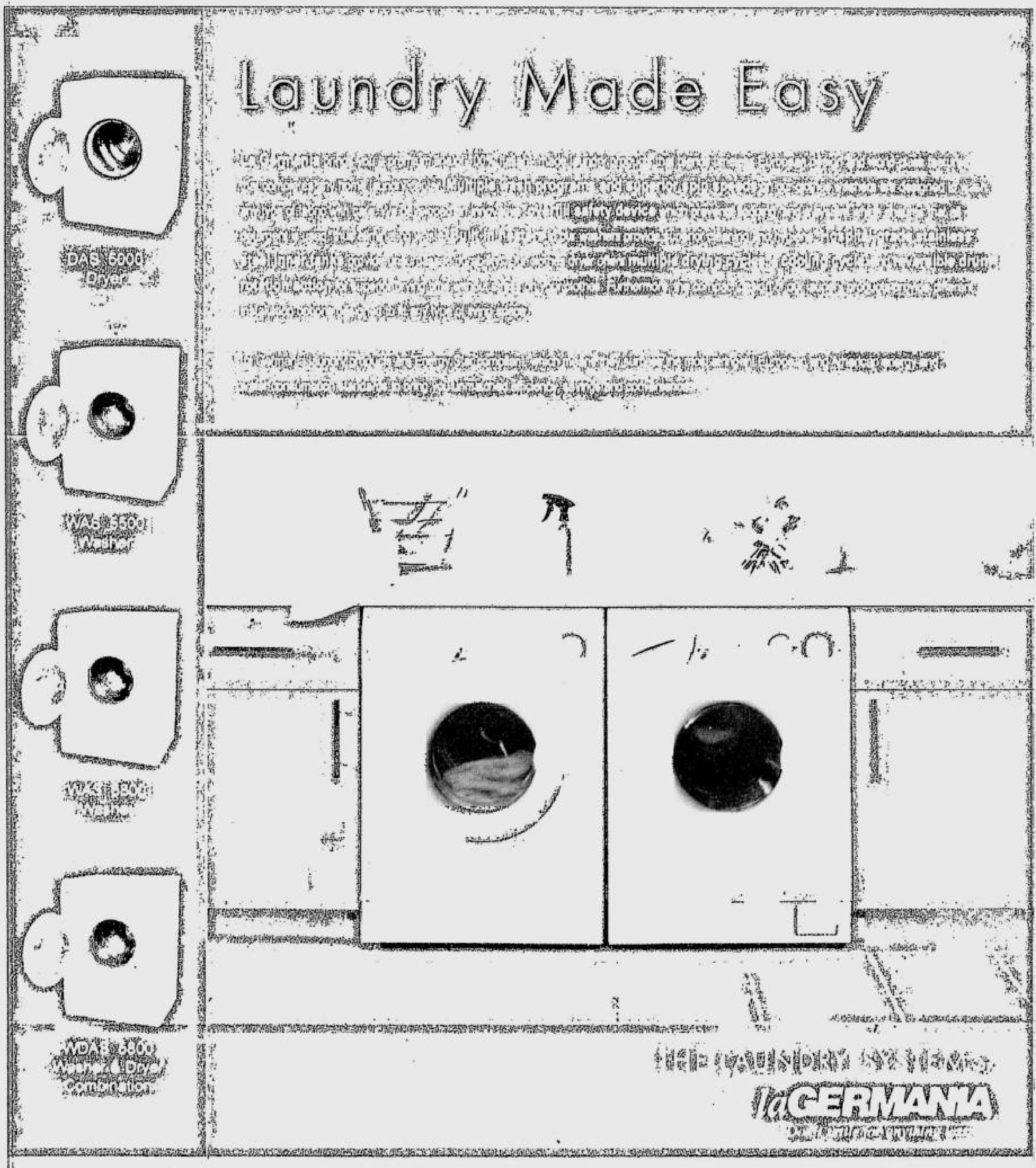

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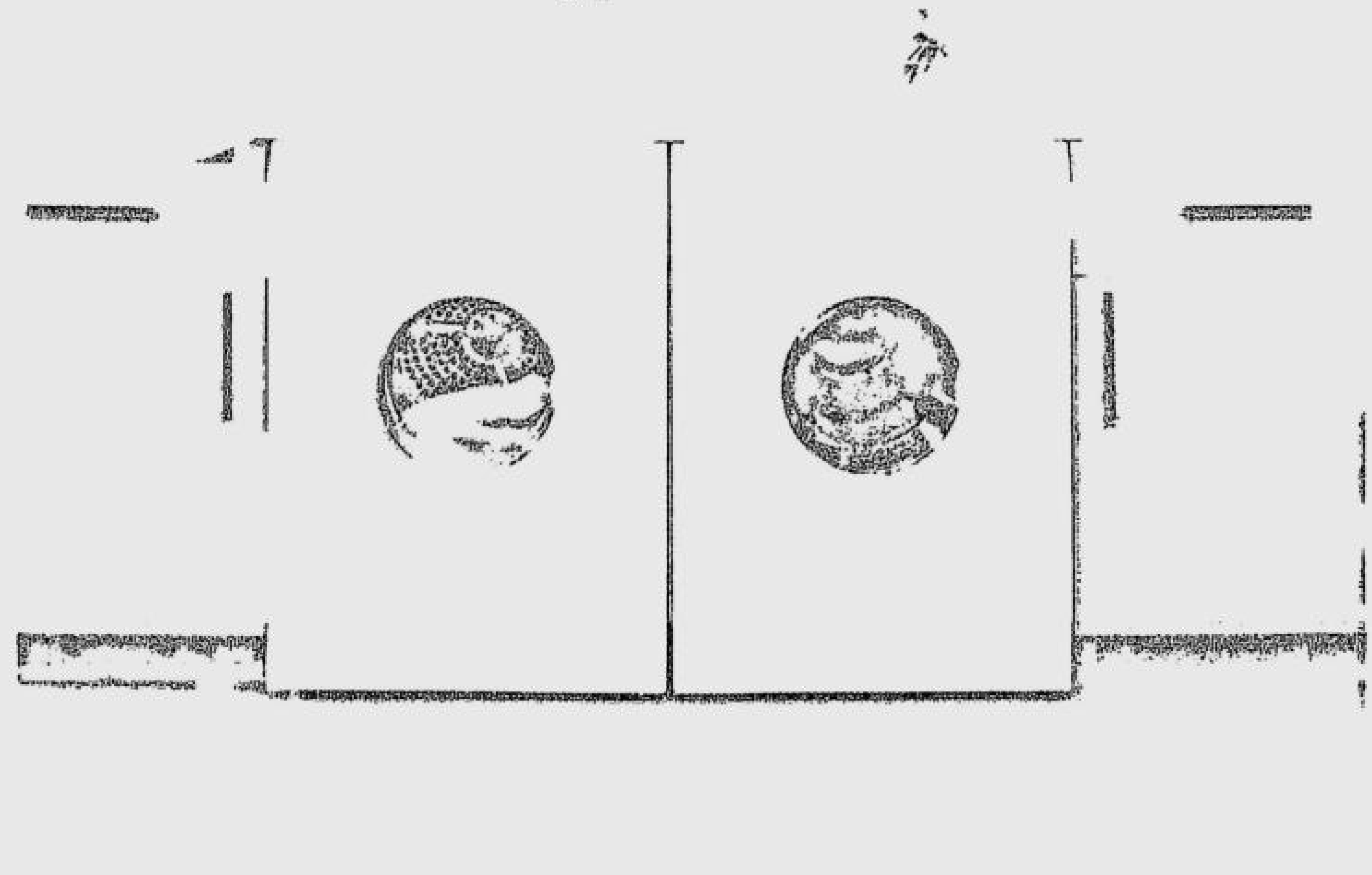

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Best known for her role as Lorraine Baines McFly in the "Back to the Future" trilogy, Lea Thompson also raves about Moissanite. "Moissanite jewels sparkle beautifully. No one could tell they weren't real diamonds. They are a great value for the look."

Minnie Driver, starred in Gus Van Sant's "Good Will Hunting" playing opposite Matt Damon, loves wearing Moissanite as well. "Wearing Moissanite made me feel extremely elegant and understated. The design is beautiful as is the clarity of the stone. I would purchase Moissanite created by Charles & Colvard jewelry because good jewelry is hard to come by."

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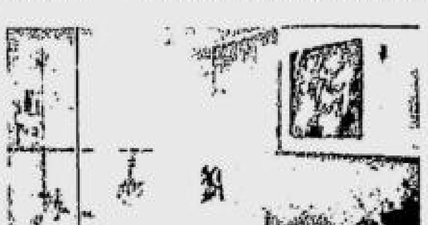

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## Bt corn debate highly emotional, say savants

By Tessa R. Salazar

FOR YEARS, Filipino scientists were content to silently work in their laboratories, and occasionally publish their research findings in scientific journals.

But the Bt corn issue has prompted several of them, especially biotechnology proponents, to speak up. They want to help the public understand the science behind the emotional, and thus controversial, topic.

"We have not been trained to communicate the way anti-biotech advocates have been doing. But since this Bt corn issue emerged, we have been trying to learn how to communicate more effectively," Biotechnology Coalition of the Philippines research director Dr. Nina Gloriani Barzaga told the INQUIRER.

"Gone were the days when we would just stay in the laboratory to work on our experiments" and report the results in a scientific journal, she said.

### Teaching the public

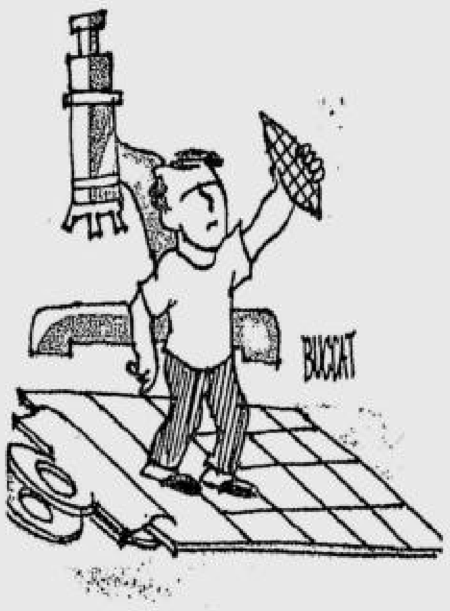
Barzaga said scientists were not trained to "popularize" their findings. But the public cannot keep up with rapidly emerging technological advances, and need the help of scientists to understand them fully.

"More needs to be done in terms of educating the public about the use and misuse of such advances," Barzaga said.

When asked if scientists who favored Bt corn cultivation were partly at fault for not being in touch with the public, former Science Secretary William Padolina, now director general for partnerships of the International Rice Research Institute, said it would not be productive to point accusing fingers at anyone.

Padolina described the arguments of anti-Bt corn advocates as "veering toward the emotional side." He noted that the "scare tactics" they employed "capitalized on the public's lack of familiarity with the issues."

He added that attempts to initiate rational debate and civil discussion have been "extremely difficult."



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### Debates to continue

"Unfortunately, this issue has acquired an ideological dimension and thus debates will continue. For how long, we do not know," he said.

"All studies comparing conventional breeding with that of GM (genetically modified) crops have concluded that the risks for both methods are the same. Furthermore, oppositors to Bt corn accept GM pharmaceutical products like insulin and other vaccines, but reject GM food crops," Padolina pointed out.

Sonny Tababa of the Searca Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture said having a rational discussion on the issue would benefit the public.

"The public deserves the right to correct information and the current media blitz against Bt corn only causes unfounded and unnecessary fear," he said.

### Answer to questions

In a letter sent to the INQUIRER, Benigno D. Peczon, president of the Biotechnology Coalition of the Philippines, answered some major issues on Bt corn. Part of his answers were based on the AgbioWorld statement "Sound Science Not Silence."

Anti-Bt corn advocates claim that the Bt corn pollen, which carries the poison gene, will cross-pollinate to native corn varieties and once released into the environment, would be difficult and expensive to eradicate, if it could be eradicated at all.

But Peczon said studies on Bt corn have not established any significant risk in an agricultural system. Also, Bt corn carries "selective toxicity" that is specific to pests and is harmless to humans, fish, wildlife and beneficial insects.

"The source of the Bt gene has been safely used for almost 40 years in microbial insecticides," he stressed.

Anti-BT corn advocates say there is no need to plant Bt corn because there are sustainable alternatives to the control of the corn borer.

Peczon, however, said Bt corn was just another option that is a safer alternative to chemical pesticides.

He also said a group of scientists from the University of the Philippines at Los Baños and Diliman have noted that none of the alternative solutions proposed by anti-Bt corn advocates is feasible during the rainy season.

### Developing immunity

Another issue raised was that Bt corn would initially have a high yield, but eventually the corn borer will develop immunity and destroy a substantial part of the crop.

But Peczon said that during actual farming, there have been no documented cases of insect pests developing resistance to Bt crops.

Management practices were instituted with the introduction of Bt crops to sustain their performance and to delay pest adaptation.

Peczon stressed that in eight years of use on more than 100 million acres, there have been no confirmed cases of pest resistance to Bt crops.

The only cases of field resistance to Bt proteins have occurred with the extensive and unregulated use of Bt microbial sprays in organic production systems—old technologies that involved no gene transfer, he said.

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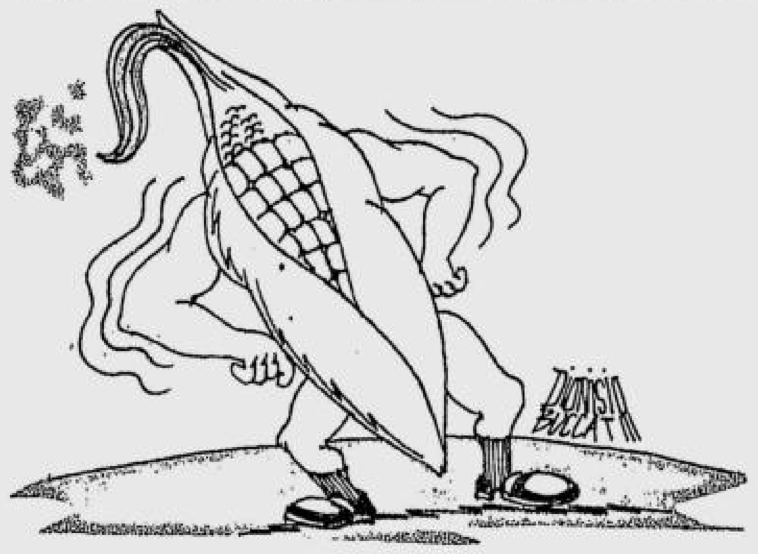

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## *Crop management prevents Bt corn pest resistance*

By Charles E. Buban

ONE of a farmer's worst nightmares is to wake up one day and find his Bt corn field being ravaged by marauding corn borers that somehow developed resistance to the pesticide gene the corn variety carries.

That corn borers could withstand Bt corn is not far-fetched because all living organisms continually adapt through natural selection to stresses in the environment.

A corn borer could be resistant to the toxin produced by *Bacillus thuringiensis* in Bt corn varieties if the insect does not convert the Bt protein into a toxic form and allow it to bind to its gut and form crystals and rupture cell walls.

### No 'super pests'

But the concept of developing a "super pest," one that cannot be controlled or overcome, contradicts the principles of biology, according to the United States Institute of Food Technologists.

The institute said the ability of a pest population to adapt to pesticides or genes used to control it is nature's way of assuring its survival. But even if the pests develop resistance to one pesticide gene, they will still be vulnerable to new or older control mechanisms such as a different pesticide or a remodified plant.

With an increase in planting area for Bt corn, there will also be more corn borers with one or two copies of resistance genes that could survive and produce more offspring.

### Keeping records

But keeping good records and implementing a comprehensive insect resistance management (IRM) strategy will help delay this resistance development.

In a genetically modified plant like Bt corn, scientists can rotate pest-resistant genes in a plant, modify the plant's resistance mechanisms or transfer more than one pest-resistant gene to the plant.

### Genetic mixing

The movement of corn borer adults between Bt and non-Bt fields is important for genetic mixing of resistant and susceptible types. Thus, planting some unmodified corn crops in or adjacent to a field of Bt corn crops will keep the vulnerability traits in the gene pool of pests.

Crop rotation is also effective in minimizing increases in pest population.

An example of an IRM was developed in 1997 by the Canadian Corn Pest Coalition against corn borers.

It used a high Bt dosage in Bt corn varieties while providing refuge to non-Bt corn hybrids that do not contain Bt proteins within close proximity of the Bt crops.

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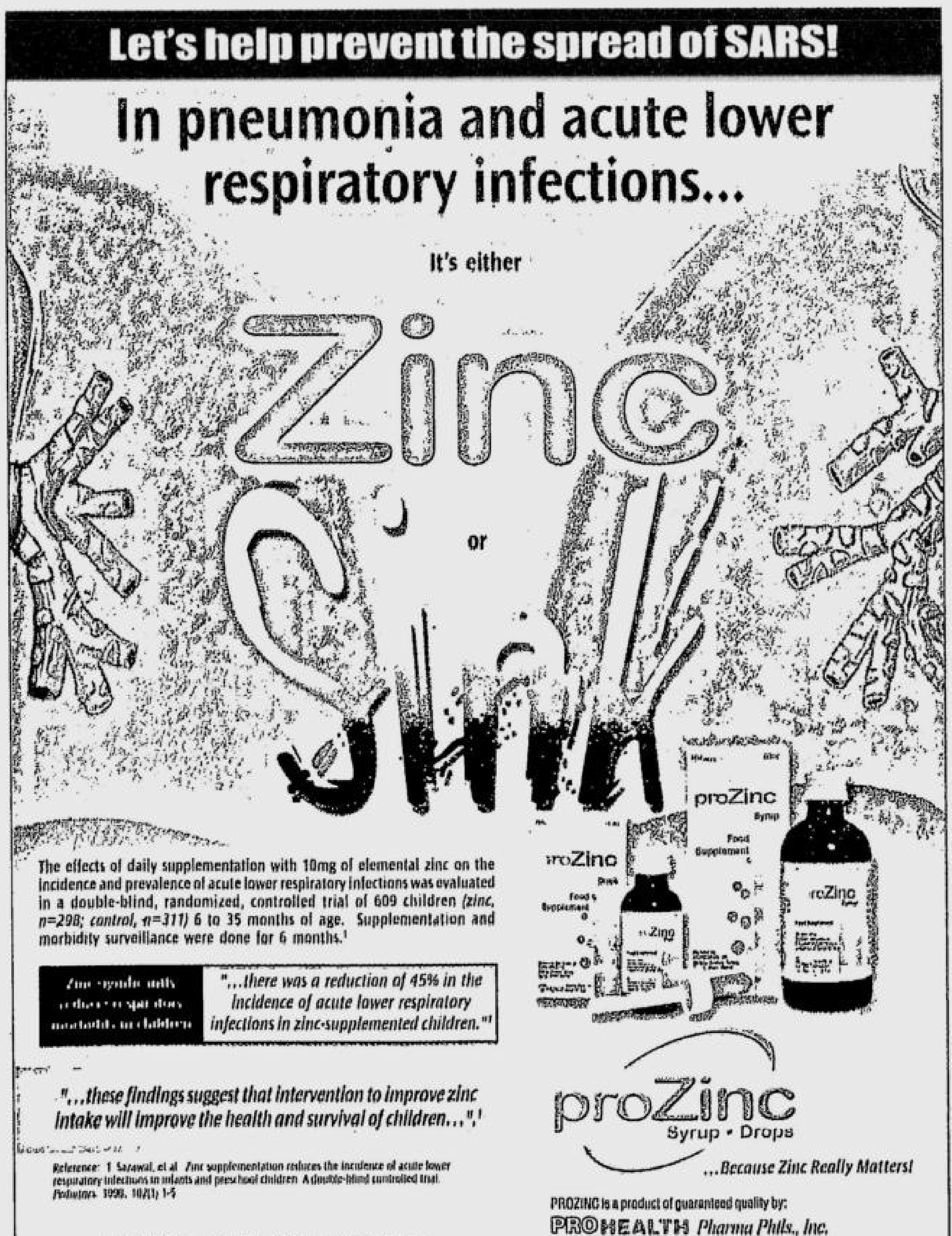

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## That first year

### DISCOVER

*Massie Santos Ballon*

THESE days it seems that the pressure is on all parents to turn their children into prodigies.

Baby food ads claim to have more vitamins and minerals than the other leading brand and then explain why that's good. Toy stores have shelves filled with creative mobiles and motion-sensitive music boxes and stuffed toys that teach children to recognize the notes in an octave before they can say "Mama."

All these so that the child can grow up to be so multitalented, she/he can get into good schools and have a successful career or three.

Sometimes it feels as though the joys of childhood are slowly being replaced by the pressure to become an adult. That first year of life is probably the most frantic and wonderful and terrifying experience for new parents and new baby, and I'm not sure if this new study adds anything more than fear to that mix.

### Origins of adult diseases

The study was a joint effort, the data collected and analyzed by researchers from the Medical Research Epidemiology Unit at Southampton University in England and the National Public Health Institute in Helsinki, Finland. Prof. David Barker, the head of the Southampton group, presented the findings last week during the Second World Congress on the Fetal Origins of Adult Disease.

Professor Barker is known for his work that looked at how the beginnings of adult health problems such as heart disease can be traced back to the mother's diet while still pregnant with the fetus.

His work says that, if, for example, I get diagnosed with diabetes years from now, it could be the result of the fact that I love condensed milk because my mom ate lots of condensed milk when she was pregnant with me. Does this mean expectant mothers should start craving healthy foods? I can't say because that's outside the focus of this study.

Speaking of maternal diet, a recent study by Harvard researchers and published in the British Medical Journal was done on pregnant mothers in a Boston hospital. The study found that mothers carrying males eat more than mothers carrying females, which explains in part why male babies are usually bigger than female babies at birth.

Scientists suspect that the testosterone in the male fetus sends signals through the umbilical cord to the mother and asks her to eat more. Dimitrios Trichopolous, the head of the study, points out though that increased appetite isn't a surefire way to tell if the baby will be a boy or a girl.

But I digress.

### Height influences income

Returning to the English/Finnish study, Barker et al. looked at nearly 5,000 Finnish men born in Helsinki between 1934 and 1944. Researchers looked for a correlation between the measurements taken of each man's height from birth to age 12 and their earning power/careers based on their answers in a 1990 census.

In one of those rare cases where size did matter, they found that men who were under 30 inches tall on their first birthday earned an average of $10,000 less a year than men who were 32 inches tall at age 1. Professor Barker also told Reuters that "although children who are short at any age up to puberty tend to do less well educationally and have lower incomes in later life, most of the action is in the first year."

I wish there was an equivalent study for females, although I do wonder about whether or not the data can be applied to Asians. I used to have a US-printed book from the late '70s or early '80s that included a page on predicting one's adult height. Using a calculation that involved birth height and weight, the book said I'd be 5'6" at age 21. I was delighted to know that one day I would actually be taller than the refrigerator.

Unfortunately the book's math was off by six inches and today I can only see the top of the ref if I'm wearing heels.

### CPR and GMA

The correlation between money and height is only partly the result of brain development. After all, if all successful people were tall, there wouldn't be a Carlos P. Romulo or a Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Professor Barker says the liver and the brain are the only two major organs that aren't fully developed at birth. If the brain isn't stimulated during his first year, the child doesn't do as well as he could in school and at work.

What have we learned from all this? You can blame your parents and heredity if you will never be tall enough to reach anything above the first shelf of your kitchen, but you can blame yourself for not expanding your mind enough.

# Role of artists in promoting healthy lifestyles

**By Rafael Castillo, M.D.**

**MEDICAL FILES**

I MUST apologize. I used to think that performing artists had very little concern about their health and on efforts at promoting it, particularly a healthy lifestyle.

The images I had before were of artists wide awake at night and sleeping most of the day, collecting megabucks for their performances, engaging in smoking, booze and perhaps prohibited drugs and substances, and avoiding the doctor as one would avoid the bill collector.

This impression completely changed recently.

Heart specialists, heart patients and health enthusiasts were treated to a most entertaining concert by some of the country's top performing artists with the resounding message of living a "hearty lifestyle for a strong healthy nation."

Director Al Quinn banded together renowned artists APO Hiking Society, Willie Nepomuceno, Hajji Alejandro, Bert Nievera, Jon Santos, Leah Navarro, Leo Martinez, Richard Merck, Maso Diez and several others in a four-hour concert to raise funds for the Philippine Heart Association's projects in fighting cardiovascular disease, the No. 1 killer in the country today. This event was supported by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

It was heartwarming to note that Al Quinn and all the artists performed *pro bono*, but the enthusiasm they showed seemed like they were paid handsomely.

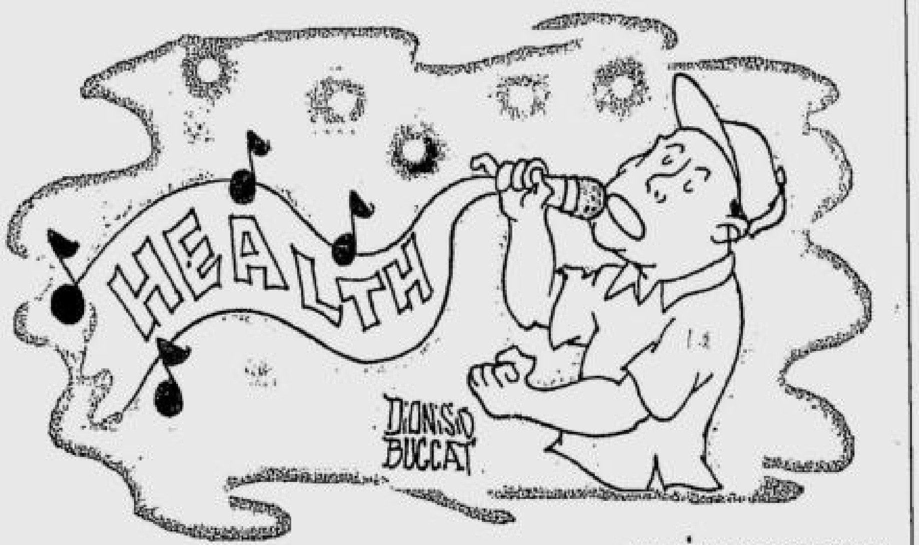
As Leah said in her spiel, the joy of sharing their talents and performing for a good cause inspired them to participate in the concert.

## Role models

Artists and other prominent personalities can play an important role in teaching healthy lifestyle to the public. They can serve as good role models and their impact on the society's norms can be harnessed for a more positive change in behavior. Hence, they should be conscious about what they say during their public performances, especially on radio and television.

Promoting healthy practices can be part of their advocacy, which should be more meaningful than some of the things they're fighting for. I'm sure the public would gratefully reciprocate by patronizing them and refusing to buy pirated discs and tapes.

If performing artists—and everyone aelse—make a collective effort to promote a healthy lifestyle every chance they get, and if we all make it a way of life, then we stand a good chance of developing a strong, healthy nation. This thought is truly inspiring for a healthcare giver like myself.



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## Spiritual transformation

Speaking of inspiring thoughts, Rosemarie Arcenas-Ong, one of my favorite columnists in the Health & Lifestyle magazine, e-mailed me her piece about how a well-known heart specialist converted his physical suffering into a total spiritual transformation. I took the liberty of drawing excerpts from her story:

Dr. Vicente Velez, a prominent cardiologist in Cagayan de Oro City, is known for his firebrand personality. His gift of gab, wit and humor makes for interesting conversation. He moves around with a gun tucked into his pants. Despite a Jesuit education, he never took his religion seriously.

Until one day when, in his own words, "God showed me His fireworks." This started his journey to conversion.

On April 5, 2001 Vic was diagnosed with late-stage colonic cancer. Surgery revealed a tumor below his urinary bladder. It was a blessing that an abscess prevented the cancer cells from invading the urinary bladder.

On the third day, however, as occasionally happens even under expert hands, his gut leaked at the point where the two ends of the colon were reconnected. He went into septic shock, which developed into a life-threatening acute respiratory syndrome, similar to what happens in SARS.

Only his heart was holding on. He underwent emergency surgery and had to be assisted by a respirator.

## 'Lost to the world'

On April 11, the day he was fighting for his life, Vic recalls having experienced being "lost to the world." He remembered finding himself in a most beautiful tunnel.

"I was floating, and I felt good. I saw my body and the team of doctors attending to me."

When Vic regained consciousness a few days later, he noticed that it was quite dark. He saw machines at his side and he thought, "Lord, why did they put me in a utility room, not in a morgue"?

He thought he was already dead.

During those moments of excruciating pain, Vic offered his physical suffering to God in atonement for his sins and for the intentions of other people. With God's grace, he was weaned off the respirator after only one-and-a-half days instead of the usual two weeks.

The long months of hospitalization and medical treatment virtually drained Vic's financial resources. But he remembered his father's frequent reminder that God provides. Indeed, during moments when money was scarce, Vic would say "the Lord came exhibiting His glory, His might, His boundless compassion."

Friends and patients whom he didn't charge in the past appeared and gave money.

For Vic, that experience was an eight-month refresher course with Jesus.

## 'Painful wilderness'

In moments of extreme physical suffering, we may struggle with the "why" of our pain and find ourselves asking, "Where is God in all this?"

Sometimes, it is not easy to see where God is in a painful wilderness. Yet, what Vic's story and countless stories like his tell us is that God, in many surprising ways, shows up and changes even seemingly hopeless situations.

It took a show of fireworks from God for Dr. Vic Velez to get on the road to conversion and realize what St. Augustine said centuries ago: "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

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# Mensa puzzles

**EUREKA!**

*Queena N. Lee-Chua*

I FIRST learned about Mensa when I was around 12, after I completed a book of word and number puzzles. Intrigued by the contents, I looked for the publisher—Mensa International based in London. The back page also contained a blurb about the organization, and more importantly, instructions on how to join.

But it wasn't until a decade later, after college graduation, that I took the international qualifying exam. I was accepted, to my delight, and as long as I paid my dues, would regularly receive newsletters about various international chapters and their activities.

This was in the mid-1980s, and I longed for a local chapter.

In the 1990s, the Philippine chapter of Mensa was organized. Some members informed me about the get-togethers, but my hectic schedule did not permit me to join them in restaurant dinners or game sessions.

When my child is older, and when I am retired, then I may actively participate. I hope by that time the Philippine chapter will still be as active as it is now.

## Prominent members

According to Anthony Alcantara of Philippine Mensa: "The owl is the official mascot of Mensa. The society has over 100,000 members in over 100 countries worldwide. Actress/Olympian archer Geena Davis, comedian John Cleese and science-fiction writer Isaac Asimov are some of the more prominent Mensa members. Mensa's aims are to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity; to encourage research in the nature, characteristics and uses of intelligence; and to promote stimulating and social opportunities for its members.

"The sole criterion for membership in this society is to score within the top two percent (98th percentile and up) in a recognized and properly supervised qualifying test. The test is culture-fair and is of the type often referred to as 'abstract reasoning.' It does not test for math or language skills. While there is no strict time limit, most people will finish it in an hour or two."

Come to think of it, what I remember from my test was a lot of abstract figures and logic problems, which were actually fun to do. Unlike many IQ tests, facility in the English language or high-level math is not required, thus, it is a myth to believe that only people good in these two areas will be able to qualify.

Therefore I urge you to try out for the exam. At the very least, your mind will have a great workout for a couple of hours.

## Sample puzzles

Here are some questions from Mensa Word Puzzles (published by Chronicle Books in San Francisco). Why don't you try solving them before peeking at the solutions?

1. (Easy) What is the next letter in this sequence? C H L O __
2. (Moderate) In a horse race, Sawgrass came in second and Sea Dancer came in fourth. Where did Sky Trap and Noble Romance finish?
3. (Moderate) Six people go into a store through the underground parking garage going to floors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Each person goes to a different floor in the same elevator, which goes up stopping at each floor. Eddie's ride is the longest. Angie gets out before Frankie but after Debbie. Charlie gets out first. Barbie leaves before Debbie, who leaves at the third floor. At what floor does each person leave?
4. (Challenging) George Michael has sold 1,151 CDs, Bruce Springsteen has sold 101, and Simple Minds have sold 2,552. How many CDs have Simply Red sold?

Solutions:

1. Q. The alphabet is moved five letters, then four, then three etc.
2. First and fifth—their final position is based on the number of vowels in their names.
3. Charlie leaves at the first floor, Barbie at the second, Debbie at the third, Angie at the fourth, Frankie at the fifth, and Eddie at the sixth.
4. 1,551. The Roman numerals in each name are added together.

## Qualifying exam

Did these whet your appetite? Well then, Mensa Philippines will be holding a qualifying exam for people seeking membership. The test will be held on June 21 at the Private Room, Oakwood Premier Ayala Center, 6th Floor, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City, Metro Manila.

Those who want to take the exam may register and start the test anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Bring a valid ID and the test fee of P400. Undergraduate students with valid student IDs may avail of a discounted rate of P150. Payments will only be accepted at the testing venue.

More information about the test is available on the website: http://ph.mensa.org/qualify.html. Interested parties may preregister by giving their names and contact info beforehand to the e-mail address testing@ph.mensa.org (subject: June 21 testing). You may also call Patrick Ocampo at 524-4611 local 450 for preregistration or other questions. Or visit the main Mensa website at http://www.mensa.org.

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# *Too much vitamins can be bad for health*

LONDON—Some vitamin and mineral supplements can be bad for you if you take too many for a long period, Britain's food watchdog has cautioned consumers.

Most supplements are safe, the Food Standards Agency said, but high levels of the supplement chromium picolinate may cause cancer. It identified other common vitamins and minerals whose long-term use could be dangerous.

The FSA said more then 1,000 mg per day of Vitamin C, 1,500 mg per day of calcium or 17 mg of iron can cause abdominal pain and diarrhea in some people, although the symptoms disappear after the supplements are no longer taken.

The agency advised against taking more than 10 mg of Vitamin B6 daily unless under medical care.

Beta-carotene, an antioxidant found in orange and yellow fruits and vegetables, could cause irreversible harmful effects to smokers if taken long term and in high doses, it said.

Manganese could be dangerous for older people over an extended period of time, it said, while nicotinic acid, zinc and phosphorous may also be harmful in high doses in the long term.

The advice, which is posted on the FSA's website (www.food.gov.uk), is based on an independent expert review of the scientific evidence on the safety of vitamins and minerals.

The FSA reviewed 34 vitamins and minerals with particular emphasis on long-term use. *Reuters*

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# Tea sharpens body's defense against germs

WASHINGTON—Drinking tea may help keep the doctor away.

A new study finds that tea boosts the body's defenses against infection and contains a substance that might be turned into a drug to protect against disease, researchers say.

Coffee does not have the same effect, they say.

A component in tea was found in laboratory experiments to prime the immune system to attack invading bacteria, viruses and fungi, according to a study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

A second experiment, using human volunteers, showed that immune system blood cells from tea drinkers responded five times faster to germs than did the blood cells of coffee drinkers.

Dr. Jack F. Bukowski, a researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School, said the results of the study gave clear proof that five cups of tea a day sharpened the body's disease defenses.

In the study, Bukowski and his co-authors isolated from ordinary black tea a substance called L-theanine.

L-theanine is broken down in the liver to ethylamine, a molecule that primes the response of an immune system element called the gamma-delta T cell.

"We know from other studies that these gamma-delta T cells in the blood are the first line of defense against many types of bacteria, viral, fungal and parasitic infections," Bukowski said. "They even have some anti-tumor activity."

The T cells prompt the secretion of interferon, a key part of the body's chemical defense against infection, he added.

"We know from mouse studies that if you boost this part of the immune system it can protect against infection," he said.

Bukowski said it may be possible to further isolate and refine L-theanine from tea and use that as a drug to boost the infection defense of the body.

The health effects of tea have been extensively studied. It has been linked to lower heart disease and cancer risk through the action of flavonoids, a type of antioxidant. Other studies have linked tea to helping combat osteoporosis, the brittle bone disease, and to relieving some allergy symptoms. *AP*

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# Know more about stomach pain, ulcers

**By Atenodoro Marciano Ruiz Jr., M.D.**
*Contributor*

I HAVE been having stomach pains for quite a while. It has been bothering me at work. Do I have ulcers? Is this condition serious and related to stress? Which foods do I have to avoid?

These are questions that patients often ask and are among the frequent reasons for clinic visits to the gastroenterologist.

In the last 25 years, there have been advances in the management of peptic ulcers. The discovery of the association of the bacteria *Helicobacter pylori* with ulcers revolutionized the treatment of this condition. Very potent medications that suppress acid production have become available. As a result, surgery is resorted to less frequently today.

Peptic ulcers are sores or eroded areas in the inner lining of the stomach and small intestines. Gastric ulcers are found in the stomach, while duodenal ulcers are found in the duodenum (first part of the small intestines).

## Abdominal pain

The most common symptom of ulcers is abdominal pain. Other symptoms are bloating, nausea, fullness after eating and lack of appetite.

Abdominal pain can be described as gnawing, throbbing, boring, or burning in the upper part of the abdomen. Gastroenterologists refer to this pain as dyspepsia.

The pain can last for five minutes up to a few hours. In some cases, the pain can be relieved with food, but in other people it can get worse.

Dyspepsia is suggestive of peptic ulcers, but it can also be found in patients without ulcers. This type of pain can be confused with heartburn, gallstones, pancreatitis and cancer of the stomach.

Ulcers can be accompanied by bleeding, obstruction or perforation. A patient who develops any of these complications needs to be admitted to a hospital since it can be fatal.

## Causes

The most common cause of peptic ulcers is infection with *H. pylori*. Studies have shown that 70 percent of infected people who were not treated with antibiotics had recurrence of symptoms, compared to 10 percent in patients who received treatment. Surprisingly, this infection is prevalent but only a few people develop ulcers or even its symptoms.

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Another important cause of ulcers is the intake of aspirin and pain medications called nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like mefenamic acid, ibuprofen and naproxen. The risk for ulcer is reduced by taking these medications with food.

Stressful situations at home or at work do not cause ulcers per se. However, such anxiety can cause abdominal discomfort and dyspepsia.

Certain foods can trigger abdominal pain, but there is no evidence that certain types of food can cause ulcers.

Peptic ulcers are best diagnosed with an upper endoscopy (gastroscopy). The procedure involves the insertion of a flexible tube through the mouth. The equipment has a camera that is connected to a television monitor.

The procedure usually lasts between 5 and 15 minutes. It is very safe if performed by an experienced person, and costs between P5,000 and P10,000.

If a patient is found to have ulcers, he should be tested for *H. pylori* infection, which can be determined through blood, stool, breath or biopsy tests. He should also be questioned on the use of aspirin and NSAIDs.

## Treatment

The first-line drugs for ulcers are designed to reduce acid secretion in the stomach. These medications include rabeprazole (Pariet), pantoprazole (Ulcepraz), esomeprazole (Nexium), ranitidine (Zantac) and famotidine (Pepcidine). The type of medication prescribed by the gastroenterologist depends on the frequency, severity and duration of the patient's symptoms, as well as the cost.

If he is positive for *H. pylori*, the patient should be treated with antibiotics. The usual treatment regimen includes two antibiotics and an acid-suppressing medication for 7 to 14 days. Incomplete eradication of the bacteria can result in a relapse of symptoms. A three-drug regimen can cost between P2,500 and 4,000.

The use of aspirin and NSAIDs should be discontinued immediately. There are no dietary restrictions involved in the treatment of peptic ulcers, contrary to what lay people and some doctors think. However, foods that aggravate pain should be avoided.

Surgery is rarely used now as treatment of peptic ulcers. It is reserved for patients who have complications or when gastric cancer is suspected.

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# Narcissism:
# The bane and pain of a personality-oriented culture

By Marge C. Enriquez

WATCH some local television talk shows, or flip through the pages of some publications, and you will spot personalities exhibiting the need for admiration. Signs of their quirky behavioral patterns include:

- Feeling grandiose and self-important (e.g., they exaggerate achievements and talents, demand to be recognized as their superior without worthwhile achievements to speak of);
- Being obsessed with fantasies of unlimited success, fame, power, omnipotence or physical beauty;
- Deluding themselves that they are unique and should only be attended to, or associated with, other equally special or better yet high-status people and institutions;
- Expecting excessive adulation, attention and affirmation or failing to get that, wishing to be feared and to achieve notoriety;
- Exhibiting a sense of entitlement to everything and demanding preferential treatment, automatic and full compliance with their expectations;
- Acting "interpersonally exploitative," i.e., using others to achieve their ends;
- Showing lack or absence of empathy by their inability and unwillingness to identify with or acknowledge the feelings and needs of others;
- Comparing themselves with others or believing that others are envious of them.

Sam Vaknin, Ph.D., author of "Malignant Self-Love: Narcissism Revisited," might as well be describing some members of Manila's social set, *artistas* and a new breed of personalities who use media for self-promotion rather than serve public interest. Some TV hosts just like to bore or irritate the viewers by talking about themselves instead of doing their homework.

This is the paradox of media: the more TV hosts or "writers" promote themselves, the less credible they are to their audience.

Thomas Moore, author of the bestseller "Care of the Soul," wrote, "Finding it difficult to have a strong sense of identity in the midst of modern life, we insist narcissistically on our worth and we do everything possible to be seen and recognized. Yet, paradoxically the more we go this way, the more we detach ourselves from our truth and our community."

## Man of style

**Raul L. Locsin**, the late founder of BusinessWorld, would have reined in his writers and contributors if they overstepped their boundaries. He always emphasized that the readers' trust is earned through the journalist's diligent research and commitment to serving public interest.

From him I learned to be cautious of entrepreneurs who always wanted their businesses to be featured. Initially their requests for coverage could be accommodated because of the news value of their products or place. But when they wanted frequent media mileage without reciprocating by advertising in the paper, they were considered "freeloaders."

Mr. Locsin, also called RLL or "The Boss," is part of our series on the Negrense elite. Bacolod-born **Teddy Montelibano** writes about his ex-boss and provincemate RLL. Many respected columnists have extolled Mr. Locsin's virtues as a journalist and a businessman. He was a man of style not in today's definition of a dandy or a well-to-do person partial to designer labels. In my opinion, many who make it to today's Chic Set or best-dressed list are nothing more than mannequins with vacuous personalities.

Mr. Locsin wasn't fond of dressing up although he was impeccable when special occasions called for it. He beat everybody to the BusinessWorld office by arriving at 7 a.m. in a flashy car. He was always casually dressed in a polo shirt, slacks and mocs (no socks), and he smoked a pipe. He was also a connoisseur of food, wine, technotoys, etc. His command of the language was masterful. That is more than can be said of the younger people who make it to the so-called Chic Set.

Mr. Locsin gave this advice when I was then editing the Arts and Leisure section of his paper: If a writer were to write in an acerbic or sarcastic tone, it still had to be done with elegance. Had little, ol' tarty me listened to him, I wouldn't have gotten into any trouble. (Coincidentally, former BusinessWorld photographer **Teodoro Pelaez** provided the photographs of the late Locsin taken two years ago when he received the Ramon Magsaysay Award.)

In architecture, space and choice of motifs define wealth and class. **Augusto Villalon**, one of the few architect-writers whose prose is both lucid and elegant, writes about the Art Deco style of the Lizares mansion in Talisay, off Bacolod City.

## Photographers' mettle

Photographer **Neal Oshima** has always been admired not just for his technical excellence but also for his aesthetic sensibility. One of his trademarks is experimenting with shutter speeds and multiple images that blurred to create interesting patterns on the print. But he got weary of fashion and commercial photography. He photographs food, another of his passions, and alternative medicine.

Oshima has been dabbling in digital composition. **Leovino Garcia**, Ateneo dean of Humanities, reviews the photographer's landmark on display at the Intercare Healthcare Center in Makati.

Like Oshima, **Tom Epperson** has shown his mettle in architecture, food, fashion, portraiture and digital imaging in his 18 years in the Philippines. He became famous for showing the unusual or never-before shown aspects of his subjects and for in-your-face images that jolt any reader.

For our makeup shoot, **Patrick Rosas** suggested that the theme should be how a change of foundation alone could alter a woman's look and mood. We favored actress **Lorna Tolentino** to portray the subtle emotions behind every makeup look.

LT guested in a TV depiction of a successful entrepreneur who popularized skin whitening. Ironically, Rosas and his assistant **Marlon Suarez** covered her in chocolate-colored foundation.

It was LT's expression that captivated us. Talented but underrated designer **Lya Armovit** created a collection of luxurious blouses for this pictorial.

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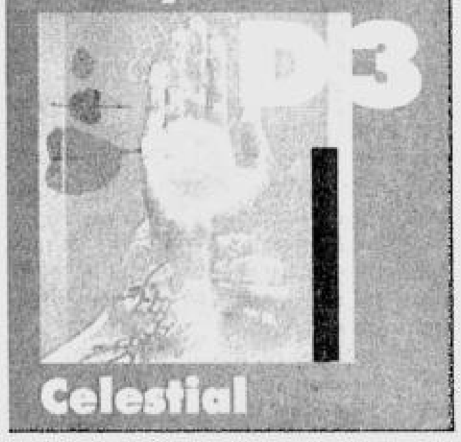
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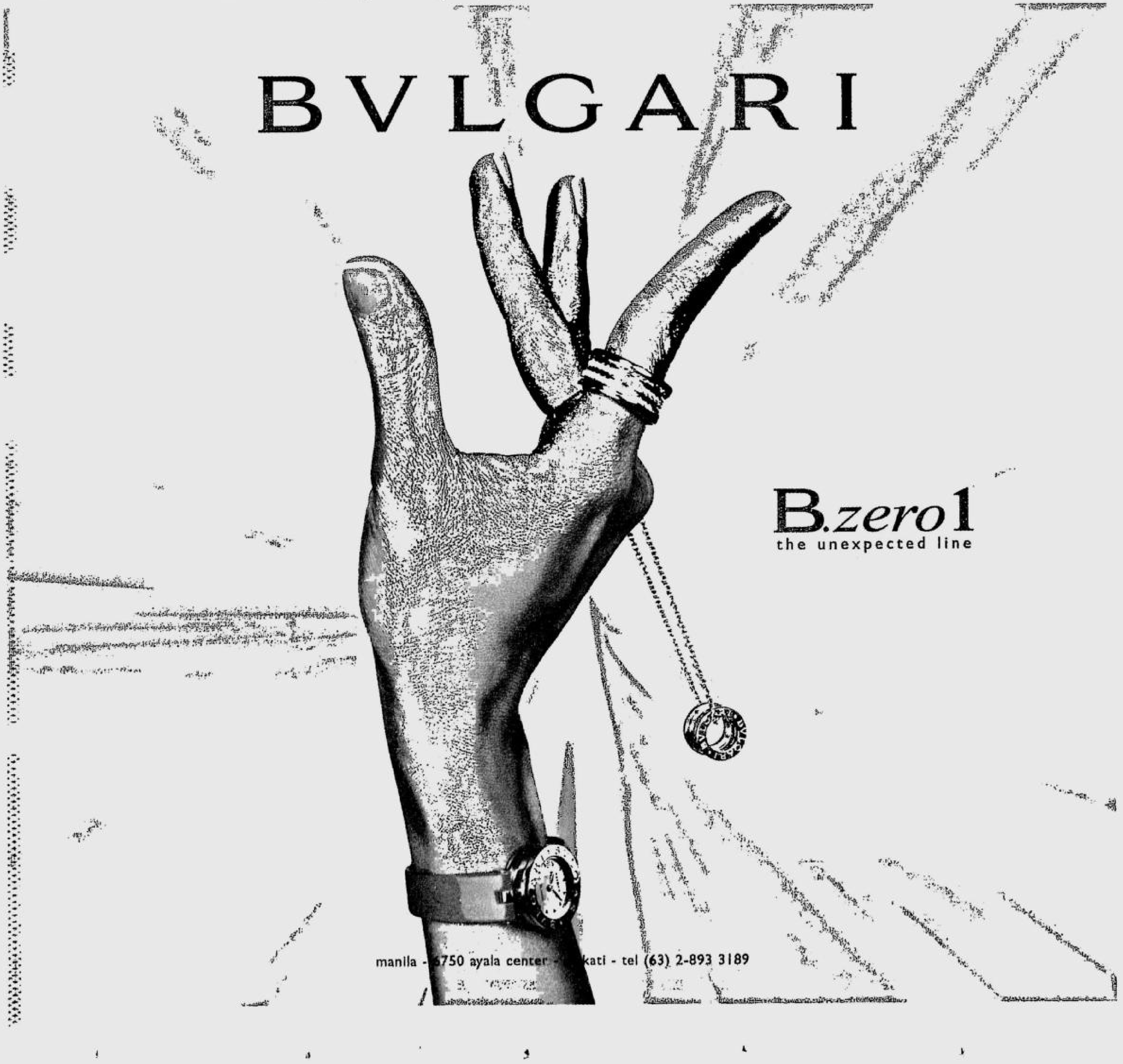
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# Raul L. Locsin: Tough Class Act to Follow

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When it came to saying the right words, or choosing the right wine, the discriminating Locsin was right for the job

By Teddy Montelibano
*Contributor*

RAUL L. Locsin's Businessday was among the first independent business news dailies to be established unencumbered by political or business interests. It was also among the most successful business paper in the Asian region. Through Locsin's business cunning, courage, creativity and journalistic skill, Businessday was the only independent mainstream newspaper not controlled by Marcos throughout the martial law years.

Locsin built Businessday practically from nothing. Some of the funds that went into putting up the paper were borrowed from a select few friends in the business sector. But by the time it folded up, following a management-union dispute in 1987, he had already paid his loans and was in control of the paper. It was so successful that when he decided to close shop because he did not want the paper to be held hostage by the union, employees were being paid 20-22-month wages.

He personally mentored his reporters, drumming into their minds a daily litany of reminders: "Read, read, and read some more. Rewrite, rewrite, rewrite! Never accept either money or gifts. The only time you are allowed (to receive) gifts is during your birthday and on Christmas. Know more than your sources, get your information from all possible sources but particularly from the heads of company or the policymakers themselves."

A major pet peeve of his were reporters who went to their beat asking, "*O ano bang meron tayo? Ano bang balita?* (What do we have for today? What's the news today?)" He challenged his reporters to use their imagination in obtaining news information. Some of his tips were invaluable. He told them some of the best news sources were not only the top guys but their secretaries who are privy to their bosses' appointments.

"Who the top guys meet or do not meet can often tell you a substantial lot."

## Cut above the rest

To be one of Locsin's people was to be a cut above the rest in the profession. The Businessday reporter was considered always knowledgeable in the field and was either feared by those who had something to be afraid of or was accorded respect by newsmakers. Locsin paid his reporters above-industry average rates to make them virtually impervious to corruption. They were almost always treated like equals by newsmakers because their being trained by Locsin ensured that they were fully aware of issues in their beats and their articles are almost always the most accurate, comprehensive and clearest account of the day's news.

Rigoberto Tiglao, now the President's chief of staff, who was then Businessday reporter covering the banking sector was just about the only one in his beat who could converse intelligently with then Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez. Fernandez, a worldly intellectual and a friend of Locsin's, did not suffer fools gladly. A reporter who engaged him in conversation would have something to crow about, but this did not impress Locsin at all.

He called Tiglao's attention one day, saying, "It seems to me that only you and the Central Bank Governor understand each other. That is of no consequence to either myself or the average Filipino. The true test of whether or not you are worth your byline is if you are able to make the man on the street understand the impact of Mr. Fernandez's policies on his life and his family's."

Locsin was strict about integrity and meticulous about the way his reporters reported the news and behaved in the beat, including the way they looked. Marites Danguilan Vitug, then a reporter and now a book author and Newsbreak magazine editor and whose reportage on the military and political opposition during the Marcos years made her one of the most sought-after local reporters by the foreign press and the only reporter Locsin allowed to write simultaneously for a US newspaper (Christian Science Monitor), was something of an artist-activist when she joined Businessday in the late 1970s.

One day, Locsin took note of the denim blouse and skirt she was wearing and said, "Do not go out interviewing people like that because you will make a lousy first impression. One's manner of dressing counts."

He provided reporters and other personnel a clothing allowance. Vitug was told to use hers to buy proper clothes, and she did. Thinking that her new wardrobe would pass muster with Locsin, she came to the office from the field in her new attire. Locsin looked up from his work and exclaimed, "Ms. Vitug, you're wearing a trench coat!"

She said, "He did not only want you to be the best in your profession; he also wanted you to look your best."

Another time, she returned to the office after a day's absence spent looking after her sick son. As she walked in, she met Locsin in the hallway. He smiled and chided her softly in finely enunciated English, "Ms. Vitug, what do you really want to be, a reporter or a mother?"

Even if he spoke in a moderate tone, the words had a chilling effect on Vitug. "I was shocked. I was on my first year in Businessday. That was the first time I was confronted by him in that manner. He did force me to think what I really want to be." She resolved to be both. On hindsight, she said, "That was what the man was. His question was simply put, but it provoked one into making clear decisions about one's life."

## Great mentor

On August 22, 1983, Locsin walked into the editorial room and announced that a political page was going to be opened in the paper. "Ladies and gentlemen, business and politics in this country have been joined." That was the day after former Sen. and longtime Marcos critic Benigno S. Aquino Jr. was assassinated.

Vitug and this writer became the first reporters to cover politics for Businessday. I was assigned to cover the political opposition and Vitug, the Marcos-influenced Batasan Pambansa. Those were dangerous and exciting times for journalists. The Marcos regime's human rights violations record was on an alltime high. Reporters, particularly those who worked for the alternative press, rapped the authoritarian Marcos regime from time to time.

Locsin was supportive of his reporters all the way. He cautioned us, "Get the facts straight. Substantiate what you write about. Get your sources to identify themselves, and take care." And we set us off to grab the stories we could find in the field.

My main assignment then was Corazon Aquino. I covered her valiant campaign for the Presidency, chronicling events as they unfolded from the moment she declared her intention to run against the dictator in 1986, all through the drama that took place on EDSA, her swearing in at Club Filipino and her triumphant speech at the US Congress which was met by thunderous applause and reduced members of both Houses to tears.

All through those times, the one person who urged us on to do well in our work was Locsin. We did what we did because we knew we were working for a man of peerless integrity who was ready to back us up without hesitation. I spent close to a decade in Businessday and joined BusinessWorld for another four years after Businessday closed shop in 1987. Looking back, I, as well as Vitug and many of our colleagues in Businessday realize that Locsin was the one mentor who wielded the most impact on our profession and to a great extent, our lives.

Vitug spoke for the rest of us when she said, "The legacy Locsin left us in journalism is deep; he made us proud of our profession; he pushed us to standards of excellence unsurpassed in our generation; he hammered ethics in our heads until it was deeply ingrained; his selflessness made it possible for the newspaper's profits to be plowed back for the employees' benefits, enabling us to stand impervious to bribes because we were paid well; he cared deeply for how well we reported and made sure that not only were we respected by our sources but that we maintained our self-respect by not allowing our reportage to be influenced by gifts from sources. And he insisted that we look good as we covered our beats."

## High standards

The standards he set for his newspapers and reporters were indeed high. And such standards had stellar results. In their time, Businessday reporters and Locsin himself received some of the most prestigious awards in the profession. Just so the awards wouldn't get in anyone's head, he put up a sign for all to see in the editorial section: "In the kingdom of the blind, the one-eyed is king."

It was not only in journalism that his standards were high; the same could be said for his tastes and passions for the finer things in life. The paper's US correspondent, Mercy Tira-Andrei, in a letter to his widow Letty M. Locsin recalled a "wonderful dinner" in a Japanese restaurant she and her husband had with Locsin in Washington, D.C. Andrei remembered Locsin dining on grilled eel. "We saw the *bon vivant* side of RLL," she wrote. "It was fun as he described how Philippine dishes could have some flair, some flambé effect and not always remain the brown, gooey mass lazing on a plate."

Michael Marasigan, another close associate, who is now BusinessWorld's chief operating officer and editor of New Media, recalled when Locsin, his wife and daughter Barbara flew to Texas, where he was supposed to have a heart bypass. After a thorough exam, his physicians decided that he didn't need to undergo such a procedure after all. In a celebratory mood, he walked into a wine shop and espied a bottle of Chateau Lafite Rothschild, one of the grandest of premier crus, on a shelf.

The vintage wine had a label that was almost peeling. The wine shop proprietor, perhaps ignorant, said it was old inventory and was almost ashamed to sell it. Locsin couldn't believe his eyes–the price tag indicated a $100. Posthaste, he paid for and brought the bottle back to the hotel where the family was to change before going out to dinner. Mrs. Locsin and Barbara were too tired to go out and decided to have some sandwiches delivered to their room instead. The fine dinner he expected was reduced to a Big Mac. No matter, this did not deter Locsin from uncorking the fine premier crus and enjoying the fine libation with his cheeseburger.

Two months later, Locsin learned that the same vintage Lafite Rothschild was sold in auction for a whopping five figures in US dollars! Did he regret opening his bottle with the plebeian fare in his hotel room in Texas? Marasigan asked him. "No, I bought that bottle to be drank. And so I did," was his reply.

He was a oenophile and his taste for wine distinctively costly. His wont was to enter a celebrated restaurant to which he has never been to before. Instead of looking at the menu, he'd first ask for the house's most expensive bottle of red. Bringing Marasigan along to a buffet lunch at the Prince Albert Rotisserie and at the Hotel Intercontinental one day, they racked up a bill of P14,000; P1,000 was for their food; the rest was what the man paid for a bottle or two of Champagne Krug.

One fond memory Businessday oldtimers have is, at the strike of 6 p.m., the paper's deadline then, Locsin rolling out his portable bar from his private quarters and announcing, "Ladies and gentlemen, the bar is open." He would ask his reporters and editors what their pleasure was and invited them to help themselves to the bar.

He taught the beginners how to conduct themselves properly like picking the right crystal for the libation of their choice. However, said Marasigan, "If someone made a faux pas like putting ice on a brandy snifter, he would kid them with a biting, 'Hey you! You barbarian!'"

## Locsin seminar

I underwent the famous Locsin "seminar" when I passed my probation period and became a bonafide reporter in Businessday. I was put in a state of suspense when oldtimers came up to me, saying, "Watch out, you're about to undergo Locsin's seminar!" I was also told to "prepare for the worst."

A date and time was set and when the day came, I walked up the editorial office, heart pounding. To recall, It was about an hour and a half before 12 noon of a Friday. I and a few others rode with Locsin and from our office on West Avenue, Quezon City, we headed south towards Makati's Mandarin Oriental. When we got to the hotel, Locsin led the way to the second floor and headed straight towards Tivoli, the fine dining continental restaurant. He walked straight to a rectangular table covered with crisp white linen and set for six, each place with a full complement of crystal, flatware and bone china.

"Come," he urged us. As we approached the table, he announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is part of your lesson as Businessday reporters." For the next two or so hours, we were treated to exquisite food, accompanied with choice bottles of red and white wine. He gave us a valuable tip that day: one of the most potent ways to get a source to talk is to wine and dine with him.

To be sure, It was not all work for Locsin. He played just as hard. His taste for outdoors activity ranged from the meditative (fishing) to such adrenalin-pounding sports as mountain bike trailing, motorcross and even skateboarding. Can you imagine a six-footer in his 50s, perhaps with a Cohiba Lancero between his lips, going up and down the hills of Antipolo, where he had a house, on a skateboard?

He also enjoyed scuba diving at night. Marasigan recalled, "He and a few others would dive in the dark. I would be with Mrs. Locsin who would sit across me, praying the rosary, in a diveboat waiting for them to surface. When they did, we headed for shore where a repast of lechon and other such food, invariably accompanied by bottles of red wine, would be waiting."

Good friend, Enrique Zobel noted Locsin's passion for motorbiking. "It gave him a lot of joy. I would tell him his sport was dangerous, but he would counter that my preference for riding horses, even as I grew older, was just as dangerous. It was an endless debate. And finally, between the two of us, it was I who ended up in a terrible accident and Raul enjoyed motorbiking until his health failed him."

Locsin offered up to 30 percent of BusinessWorld, Businessday's successor, to Zobel. "Because I believed in him, I bought the shares," Zobel said, "but after I agreed to buy into the paper, Raul saw a possible problem as I was then involved with Ayala International. He was apprehensive that I might use the paper as a public relations tool for our company, something that was unacceptable to him. This affirmed my view that money comes and goes, but character and integrity do not usually change, as it did not with Raul."

Zobel told Locsin he had nothing to worry about and said he was willing to give him irrevocable power of attorney for five years during which time Locsin could vote Zobel's shares as he wished. "This relieved him and ensured that BusinessWorld's integrity would be kept intact."

## Great friend

Joan Orendain, writer and Zobel's close associate, remembered when he went into a coma after he fell off his horse in the polo fields of Sotogrande, Spain, and Locsin came to console her. Zobel was unconscious for three months. No one knew whether or not he was going to snap out of his coma. Orendain said, "I told myself this man, Locsin, will forever be my friend when he, the publisher and editor of the most influential business newspaper in the country, would go out of his way to come to my Makati office from his quarters in Quezon City and just sit there, comforting me as I sat by my desk, a wreck."

Zobel survived the coma but would be confined to a wheelchair for life. Back home after recuperating in San Francisco, he would celebrate his birthdays in his estate in Calatagan, Batangas. Locsin would pass for Orendain in his BMW Z5 SUV with a cooler filled with premier crus between them, drive up to Zobel's bash in Calatagan, and down a bottle of Chateau Margaux, and then another, talking about a wide range of subjects throughout the ride. "We'd get to Calatagan tipsy as hell, but boy, did we have such a good time!"

One other thing that Orendain noted about the guy was that "he was always at least 20 minutes ahead of time for his appointments. That is what set him apart from all the rest. He was a considerate man. He was a gentleman. He was really first class!"

Locsin was macho to the core. But he hurt when he felt that those closest to him were disloyal. Marasigan recalled that as the union in Businessday was poised to strike, word floated to him that the Locsins were informed he was among the union leaders. It turned out that union members were telling unwitting non-editorial employees to join the union since those closest to Locsin, like Marasigan and a few others in editorial known as the "Antipolo Boys," were already in.

As soon as Marasigan learned this, he went to Locsin to deny the rumor. "I walked inside his office; he was seated in front of his computer and did not turn to face me. I asked, 'Boss, I hear you're suspecting I am a union leader?' He said, not looking at me, 'Well, I can't do anything if you want to join the union; you all be together if you want.'"

Marasigan, who turned Locsin on with motorbikes and had been a constant companion in Locsin's trail exploits in the Sierra Madre and Infanta mountain ranges said, "This is something I will never forget for as long as I live. Locsin, big guy that he was, sat there and as he told me to go and join the union if I wished, tears rolled down his cheeks. I assured him I wasn't and that whatever happened, I would always be by his side. And I kept my word."

## Greatest achievement

Locsin received some of the most prestigious awards for journalism here and abroad. The World Press Review awarded him International Editor of the Year even as the Press Foundation of Asia and Japan's Mitsubishi Corp. jointly gave him the Editor of the Year award, the first Asian to be given the honor. In 1999, he received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism and promptly gave away the US$25,000 that came along with it to the Ateneo as seed donation for the Raul L. Locsin Journalism Award and Raul L. Locsin Scholarship Fund.

Still, perhaps, the one achievement that really meant something to him was that he was able to give due honor to his first mentor, Soledad Lacson Locsin. His mother, whose grades at the Assumption remain unsurpassed, was the sister of the fiery former Manila Mayor, Arsenio Lacson. Not content with the educational standards provided by schools in Negros Occidental as her children were growing up, she put up her own–the Casanova School which employed the high-standard Calvert method.

She wrote in English and Spanish and translated books in both languages. She was 86 years old when she started her translation of Jose Rizal's novels, "Noli Me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo" in English. Her son Raul edited her work, taking care that the cadence of the Spanish language was preserved in the translation. At the age of 95, just after her son had finished editing both volumes, she died.

Not long after, Locsin's own health started to fail him. On May 24 this year, he was confined in a suite at St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City where he was, at around 8 in the morning, reciting softly the Lord's Prayer. He finished the prayer and was on his second when, in the middle of it, he trailed off. His head nodded to one side and he breathed his last.

In her letter of sympathy to Mrs. Locsin, Ms. Andrei wrote that Locsin, as she knew him, was a man who always had "a sense of purpose, grace and generosity, a zest for life, a wisdom that embraces the past and the future. Those are his legacy to me, my gifts from him as I move on."

# Serious eating at a hotel lounge

By Meluchi A. Rivera
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Photos by Chito Vecina

**THE RENOVATION of Shangri-La Makati entails more than cosmetic. It also means revitalizing and sometimes totally revamping the image of its food outlets.**

At the Lobby Lounge, Christopher Romine, executive chef, departs from the idea of a lounge where one grabs a quick bite on the way to or from somewhere else or where one lingers when it isn't quite time for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

In July, the outlet will add set meals to a menu once dominated by a la cart appetizers, sandwiches, pasta dishes and desserts.

Apart from being perfect for lingering, the place will also be good for hunkering down for some serious eating. Each set meal has four courses. There are variations on Chinese, Japanese, continental, Filipino and vegetarian dishes. Romine seeks to present the most popular dishes from each cuisine.

The Chinese set meal, for example, features rice topped with a generous serving of sweet and sour *lapu-lapu* fillets; a dimsum sampler of scallops, pork and shrimp dumplings; hot and sour soup and mango pudding.

The Japanese meal comes in a bento box with compartments for grilled salmon with rice, a sushi sampler, vegetable tempura, miso soup and fresh fruits. The Filipino meal includes a main course of chicken *adobo* and rice, a hefty serving of crispy *pata*, *tinola* soup, *pinakbet* and *turon*. These hefty meals are not for the faint of appetite.

We sampled some dishes from each platter. The experience was enough to remind us why hotels generally present the best value-for-money deals in the city. Much effort goes into preparing the dishes–from selecting ingredients to presentation. Guests have reason to expect superb dining. We found these set meals, the closest thing to meals-on-the-go that the Shang can offer, pleasing to more than the palate. They were beautifully plated, and had authentic flavors.

Our choice pick was the Chinese platter with its *piece de resistance* of succulent whole prawns and scallops dumplings. It doesn't hurt that the kitchen staff received close tutelage from the chefs of Shang Palace which is one floor up.

The Japanese platter is a potential bestseller. The sushi comes directly from the Inagiku outlet. The cuts of fish tasted of the sea and were fresh, fresh, fresh. Need we say more?

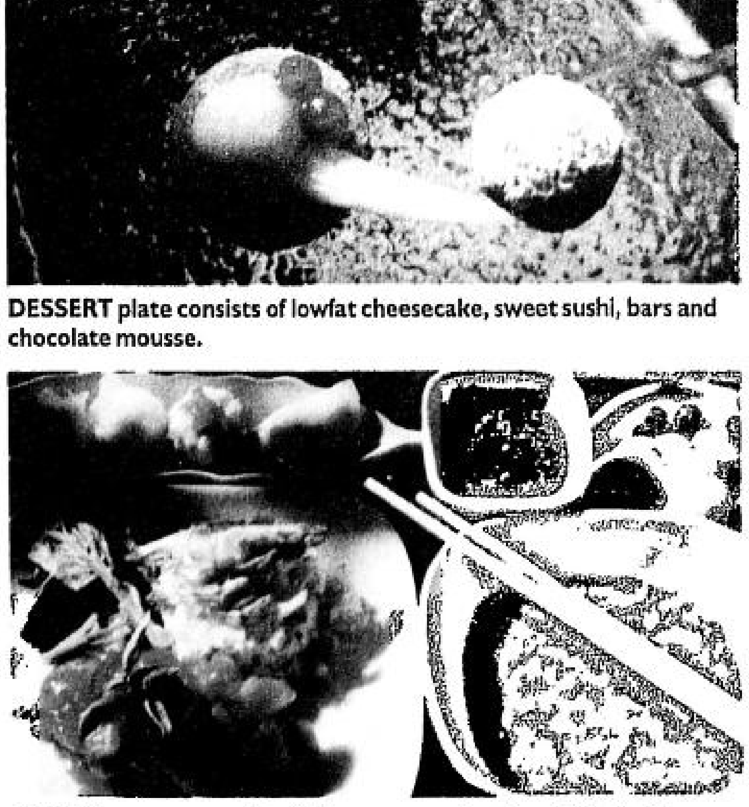
Of the Filipino platter, we sampled the crispy *pata*, wonderfully crisp but flat without the traditional vinegar-and-soy sauce bath. This may be a concession to international palates. Adding salt and pepper can cure the flatness.

The lounge will also offer all-appetizer and all-dessert samplers. The latter featured mini servings of the hotel's best-selling pastries in a pretty, picture-perfect row. Of the lot the chocolate box and cheesecake recommended. The first box contains a white and dark chocolate mousse bundled by a marbled milk chocolate ribbon. The flavor is a satisfying blend of sweet and bitter. It should sate the most rabid chocoholic. The cheesecake has a tart creaminess that comes from the use of mascarpone cheese. This is a weight-watcher's version of the cheesecake with some of the fat shaved off.

Through focus group discussions, management saw the lounge's potential to be a destination in itself, not a mere pit stop. The hotel's clients are largely business travelers so the lounge is easily the most popular area for impromptu meetings spiced with quick, substantial meals.

**JAPANESE** bento box is hot trend in Manila.

**DESSERT** plate consists of lowfat cheesecake, sweet sushi, bars and chocolate mousse.


**LOBBY** Lounge now offers full courses ranging from Oriental to nouvelle cuisine.

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# All ABOUT OAKLEY

It was not too long ago, 1975 to be exact, when *Jim Jannard* created what is now known as the most sophisticated and technologically advanced company in the world Oakley. It started with a single idea. A *"mad scientist"* looked at a product and saw an opportunity.

It was the beginning of a technological giant that would soon be fueled by a raging distaste for mediocrity, a fierce devotion to development, and an unmatched appetite for innovation.

Today, the company is driven to seek out problems, create solutions, and wrap these solutions into art. Oakley's obsession with innovation has built a legacy of science, sculpture, and defiance for conventional thinking.

Reinventing the concept of eyewear was only the first step. The passion and "out of the box" line of thinking that ignited the optical industry has now been unleashed with the same force on *prescription eyewear, high performance footwear, enduring, yet highly-stylized time-pieces, and eye-catching apparel and accessories* that live and breathe the essence of Oakley... making possibilities a reality.

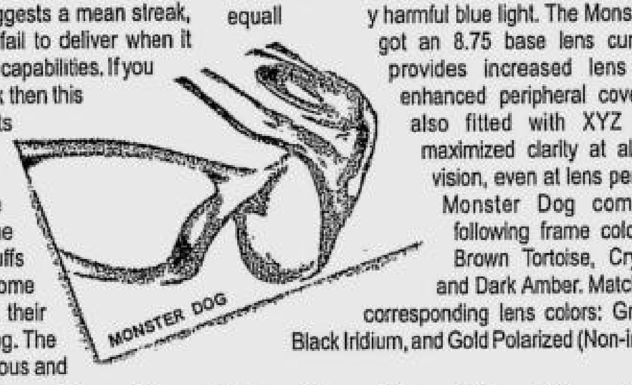
Oakley; A world class brand driven to ignite their consumers imagination through the amalgamation of science and art has now expanded its market to more than 70 countries world wide.

## NEW LINE OF OAKLEY EYEWEAR

**Never known to rest on its laurels, Oakley has again outdone itself by coming up with a number of gorgeously sculptured and methodically designed pieces of eyewear that should rather be labeled as art. The Teaspoon, Big Square Wire, Valve, X S FIVE, Monster Dog, and Plate.**

### MONSTER DOG

The name in itself suggests a mean streak, and the Monster Dog does not fail to deliver when it comes to impact and head turning capabilities. If you want to have that "I'm a man" look then this is the sure fire eyewear for you. Its extended wrapped frame geometry can fit medium to large faces So you do have to have the built to back this baby up. With the advent of gym rats and health buffs all over the world, Oakley has come up with a pair of shades that fit their lifestyle to a "T"... the Monster Dog. The frame is made up of the now famous and patented lightweight, stress resistant O matter technology and has also sculpturally integrated hinge mechanisms and true metal icon accents. Its Plutonite lenses can block off 100% of all UVA, UVB, and UVC harmful rays as well as equally harmful blue light. The Monster Dog has got an 8.75 base lens curvature that provides increased lens area and enhanced peripheral coverage. It is also fitted with XYZ optics for maximized clarity at all angles of vision, even at lens periphery. The Monster Dog comes in the following frame colors: Stealth, Brown Tortoise, Crystal Black, and Dark Amber. Matched with the corresponding lens colors: Grey, Bronze, Black Iridium, and Gold Polarized (Non-iridium).

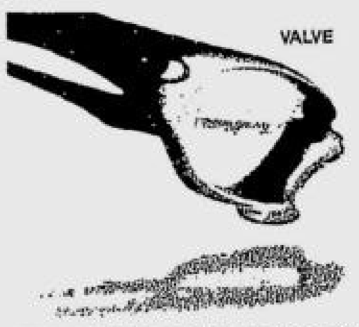


### PLATE

If there was a pair of shades that should be worn by the Terminator or any Cyborg for that matter, it's the Plate hands down. There is no other eyewear out in the market that can compare to the style and feel of this baby once it is worn It is simply mind blowing. The Plate has been designed with the use of suspended exoskeleton material derived from metalized O matter plates (hence the name) that provide never before seen aesthetics. So how did they keep these plates suspended you might ask? Well, the strategic welding of the O matter plates and subframe was done by using 1,000 Watts of Ultrasonic energy @ 20KHZ creating the lightweight stress resistant O matter subframe. The frame of the Plate is also fitted with sculpturally integrated hinge mechanisms that make the Plate even more flexible. The Plate's frame is designed with a special three-point fit that comfortably hugs the nose and the area behind the ears and comes in an 8.75 base, wrap around lens curvature that extends peripheral vision. Just like any Oakley eyewear, the Plate's lenses make use of XYZ Optics for maximized clarity at all angles of vision, and are coated with Iridium that reflects glare and heightens contrast making everything you see picture perfect. These Plutonite lenses are capable of blocking off UVA, UVB, UVC, and harmful Blue Light by a perfect 100% ratio. The Plate comes in the following frame colors: Dark Silver, Platinum, and bronze. Matched with the corresponding lens colors: Black Iridium, 24K Iridium, and Titanium Iridium.

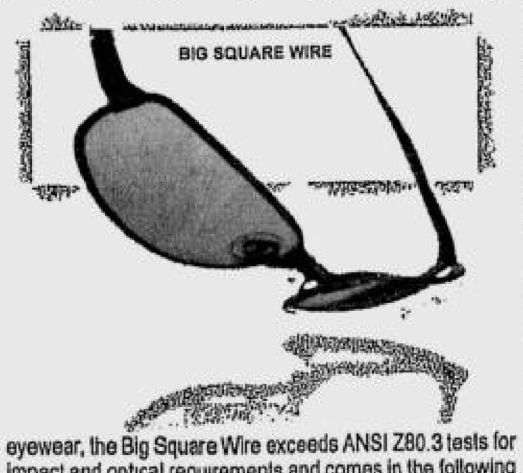
### VALVE

The Valve may seem to emulate the look and feel of the Splice from afar, but don't be fooled, it's a totally different animal on its own. This technological breakthrough was made for those driven by visual impact. Oakley built a guardrail of O matter frame material with raked-back contours that open up the peripheral vision like no other eyewear can. As part of the frame structure its earstems are tooled with lug accents, and select models are metalized by over 1000 amperes of electricity giving it strength, yet making it durable and lightweight as well. The patented XYZ optics found in most if not all Oakley eyewear is still in place maintaining clarity at all angles of view, while Unobtanium nosebombs preserve the comfortable grip and fit. The frame is also made up of the patented three-point fit that maintains precise optical alignment at all times and preserves a secure mount no matter how extreme your activities maybe, making the Valve a very adaptable and flexible piece of eyewear. The Valve comes in the following frame colors: Black, Platinum FMJ, Blue, Bronze, and Silver. Matched with the corresponding lens colors: Black Iridium, Gold Iridium, Titanium Iridium Polarized, and Fire.

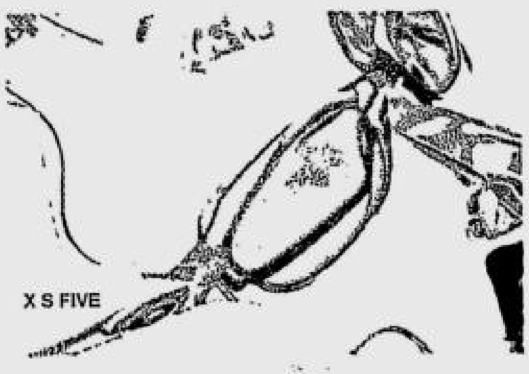


### BIG SQUARE WIRE

The Big Square Wire, as its name suggests is the slightly bigger version of the Square Wire. It is made with Ultra-lightweight Hi-modulus C-5 material and is designed with an Extended wrapped frame geometry making this eyewear slim and very sleek. A custom engineered spring hinge mechanism is also in place to ensure a more comfortable, and balanced fit Adding to the comfort and snug fit is the familiar and patented hydrophyllic Unobtanium earsocks. As an added accent, the Big Square Wire is also fitted with True Metal Icons. The lenses make use of XYZ Optics for maximized clarity at all angles of vision, and are coated with Iridium that reflects glare and heightens contrast making everything you see picture perfect. These Plutonite lenses are capable of blocking off UVA, UVB, UVC, and harmful Blue Light by a perfect 100% ratio. Like all Oakley eyewear, the Big Square Wire exceeds ANSI Z80.3 tests for impact and optical requirements and comes in the following range of frame colors: Chrome, Pewter, and Platinum Matched with the corresponding lens colors: TI Clear Iridium, Black Iridium, and VR50 Gold Iridium.



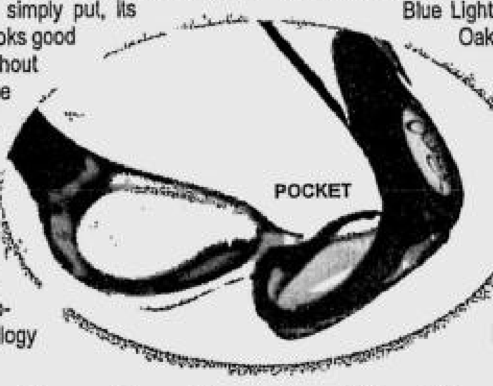
### X S FIVE



The X S FIVE is another piece of eyewear that was made specifically to fit smaller faces making use of a reduced frame geometry, making it perfect for both Asian women and men alike. Its frame is made of lightweight, and stress resistant O Matter material that makes it comfortable to wear, yet sturdy and tough at the same time. Its frame also boasts of sculpturally integrated hinge mechanisms and metal icon accents that give it the universal Oakley look. The X S FIVE also has an 8.75 base lens curvature for wrapped, raked-back peripheral protection and view, plus its lens is also made of Plutonite giving it 100% protection from harmful UVA, UVB, and UVC rays, as well as harmful blue light. The X S FIVE also comes with an optional Iridium lens coating and tint, reducing glare and helps heighten contrast giving the wearer a crisp and clear view of the world. A prescription range is also available from +2.00 to 4.00 sphere (max), with cylinders up to 3.00. The X S FIVE is compatible for use with Oakley's patented Unobtanium leash (Sold Separately). The X S FIVE comes in the following frame colors: Black, Berry, Dark Amber, and Blue. Matched with the corresponding lens colors: Blue Iridium, Grey, Bronze, and Black Iridium.

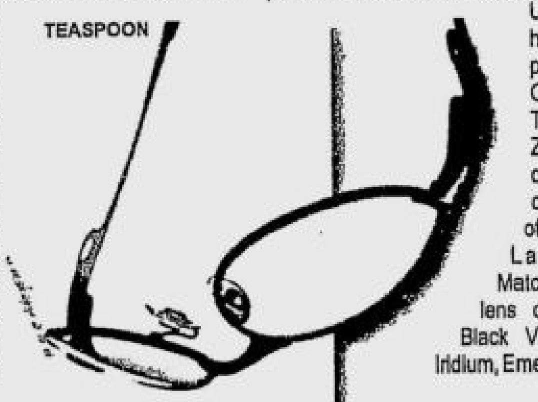
### POCKET

The Pocket is a more subtle version of the Monster Dog. Although it exudes just about the same amount of toughness, its design is more of a softened, contoured frame geometry that could make it a gender-bending piece of eyewear simply put, its shape is so versatile that it looks good on both women and men without compromising much of the Monster Dog's mean streak. What separates the Pocket from its "tad" meaner counterpart is the very unique two-color, two-tone earstems. Another feature of the frame that makes this eyewear different is its two-shot injection molding technology for dual matrix O-Matter that makes the frame tougher and stronger. The pocket also is equipped with a Six-base lens curvature for wrapped, raked-back peripheral protection and view. The lenses of the Pocket make use of XYZ Optics for maximized clarity at all angles of vision, and are coated with Iridium that reflects glare and heightens contrast making everything you see picture perfect. These Plutonite lenses are capable of blocking off UVA, UVB, UVC, and harmful Blue Light by a perfect 100% ratio. Like all Oakley eyewear, the Pocket exceeds ANSI Z80.3 tests for impact and optical requirements and comes in the following range of frame and stem colors: Polished Black/Smoke, Violet/Lt. Violet, Polished Black/Blue and Dark Amber/Dark Amber. Matched with the corresponding lens colors: black Iridium, Black Violet, Blue Black Iridium, and Bronze.



### TEASPOON

Stylized and refined women's specific sculpted wire frame The Teaspoon was designed with a lady in mind, Asian women to be more specific. It is a fact that Asian women have smaller heads as compared to Caucasian women... and the Teaspoon is a perfect fit for Filipina's. The Teaspoon is made-up of ultra-light hi-modulus C-5 material and has a wrapped and raked frame geometry that uses a 6 base lens curvature for better peripheral coverage. Just like most of the new line of Oakley eyewear, the Teaspoon comes with the patented hydrophyllic Unobtanium earsocks that ensure a snug and secure fit. The Teaspoon's lenses make use of XYZ Optics for maximized clarity at all angles of vision, and are coated with Iridium that reflects glare and heightens contrast making everything you see picture perfect. These Plutonite lenses are capable of blocking off UVA, UVB, UVC, and harmful Blue Light by a perfect 100% ratio. Like all Oakley eyewear, the Teaspoon exceeds ANSI Z80.3 tests for impact and optical requirements and comes in the following range of frame colors: Light Bronze; Lavender, Blue, Light Matched with the corresponding lens colors: Black Persimmon; Black Violet Iridium, Blue Black Iridium, Emerald Slate Iridium.



### Oakley PRESCRIPTION Rx

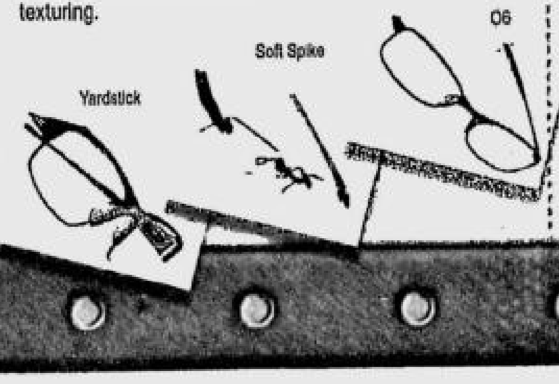
**Oakley has just released five new eyewear designs that will further expand the company's line of ophthalmic-specific frames more popularly known as the Rx line of eyewear. The new releases combine unique sculptural aesthetics with geometries that offer an extended range of prescription correction.**

**Spike** **Oakley's new Ophthalmic-specific** *Spike frame uses an open-edge lens design to maximize the field of view and minimize weight. Accented by metal icons, the rimless frame is composed of durable, ultra-lightweight X Metal Titanium (Same as the X-Metal line of shades e.g. Juliet, Romeo, etc.) Three unique lens shapes are available, and the four-based frame geometry accommodates a wide range of corrective power*

**Soft Spike** **Another new design with open-edge lens architecture, Oakley's** *Soft Spike frame combines ultra-lightweight X Metal Titanium with earstems of durable Rx O Matter. For a comfortable and secure grip, the earstems are enhanced with Unobtanium implants. Consumers can choose among three unique lens shapes.*

**Yardstick** **Continuing Oakley's legacy of unrivaled aesthetics, the company's new** *Yardstick ophthalmic-specific frame combines Rx O Matter with proprietary C5 alloy, a durable metal that borders the lens perimeter. Available in a variety of hues, the frame accommodates a wide corrective range of +2.00 to 7.00 combined power. The Yardstick is heat adjustable for a personally tailored fit, and the frame is offered in four sizing versions. Each version offers a unique lens shape, and an Asian bridge version is alsp available.*

**O6 & O7** **Oakley's new O6 & O7** ophthalmic-specific frames are composed entirely of durable, lightweight C5 alloy. The proprietary alloy combines the best qualities of five separate metal compounds. Offered in three distinctive hues each, the sculptural metal frames are augmented with Unobtanium to increase grip with perspiration. The sleek lines of their linear earstems are accented with dimensional texturing.



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## FOOTWEAR lifestyle

The world's greatest athletes, just like you and I, stand on 52 bones... that's the complexity of two human feet. So complex, that it is beyond the reach of conventional footwear designs. Of course there is nothing conventional about Oakley, so who better to come up with another first? By integrating *Virtual Human Prototyping (VHP)* and *Motion Capture Analysis (MCA)* Oakley has succeeded where others have failed... providing world class athletes with footwear that enhances and fortifies their peak performance, as well as helping fun loving amateurs reach their maximum potential.

Oakley's technology dynamically synchronizes 3-D components by precisely calibrating flexibility, support, shock attenuation, and energy return. With *Real-Time Digital Design*, Oakley footwear can adapt and optimize performance and comfort for each individual sport... giving both our feet and all its 52 bones exactly what it needs, when and where we need it.

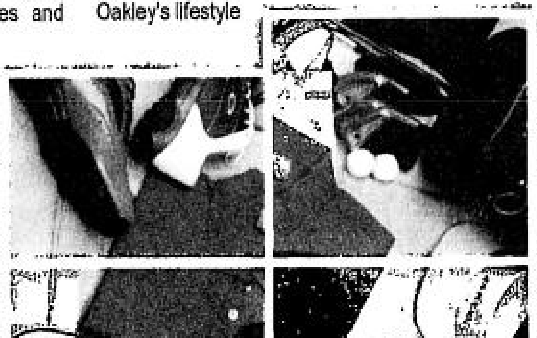
## BASKETBALL

Without missing a beat, Oakley has also entered the world of basketball. Always being the innovator, the company has developed what is now known as *Red Code* - *A technology especially developed for dynamic shock absorption and energy return that reduces the threat of chronic and acute injury without restricting natural movement*. We all know how often basketball players get injured and how important it is for teams to have a complete line-up when it comes to crunch-time this is Oakley's way of helping solve the problems that plague basketball and other sports, especially the athletes. The *DNA of Oakley footwear* in general, *Red Code* is a midsole substructure designed to compress at progressive rates, specific zones beneath the entire foot. By balancing kinetic and stability profiles for each targeted sports application, performance is lab calibrated at a level equivalent to genetic engineering. Enough said. If there's a problem, count on Oakley to solve it. Oakley's line of basketball shoes is also supported by basketball apparel that includes shirts, socks, shorts, and wristbands.

## GOLF

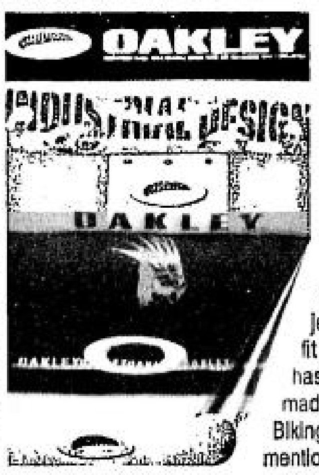
There is no doubt Oakley has had a major impact on the golfing world and the PGA specifically. There are a number of Oakley endorsers in the tour, too numerous to mention but of major influence when it comes to design. These athletes have actually acted as key influencers of the silhouettes and designs of our men's line. From head to toe Oakley has provided the golfer with everything that is essential, and in its famous Oakley fashion has changed the way golfers look and play the game.

Aside from the ever-popular M-Frame eyewear, Oakley has created golf shoes that not only look great but are designed to produce optimum performance for any golfer. *The Bow Tye, The Neck Tye, and The No Tye*. These golf shoes are made of premium waterproof genuine leather with sealed seams, making sure of a tight snug fit and protecting the golfer from the elements. All variants of the golf shoes come with a durable "green-friendly" outsole with the patented Traction Geometry and Oakley Quarter-Turn Spikes.



Other Oakley golfing must-haves are the *Oakley Golf Bag* that boasts of a fully automatic stand, backpack style harness, and full length club divider, plus padded top for club shaft protection, the *MTB Pilot Glove*, the *Oakley Golf Towel, the Oakley Golf Umbrella*, the *Flat Front Pants*, and our *Golf Polo's* that are cut in Oakley's lifestyle fit, which is tailored to fit closer to the body... fabrics chosen for the Polo's range from cotton pique, to double mercerized cotton, to Coolmax. There are also sweaters and jackets specifically designed for Golf.

## APPAREL



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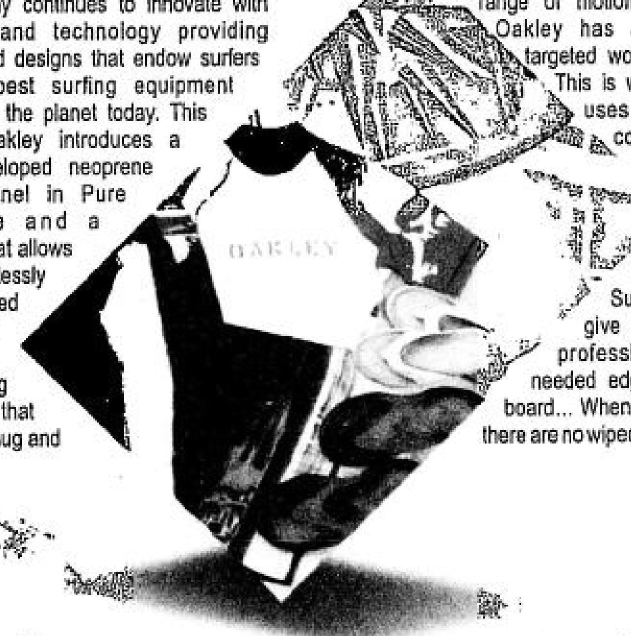
Just like anything made by Oakley, the company's line of apparel exudes confidence and brings to the table everything you need, and that goes for both men & women... from the leisurely lifestyle to the extreme/sporting lifestyle. Oakley has taken major steps in providing its consumers with everything you need to fit every type of lifestyle... from stylish clothes ranging from waterproof jackets to fashionable sweaters, a wide array of out-of-the-box Tees & shirts, trendy and technologically advanced industrial denim jeans, cargo pants, slacks, all kinds of shorts to fit any lifestyle and more... much more. Oakley has also specifically designed outfits that are tailor-made for specific sports such as Golf, Mountain Biking, Cross-Training, and Basketball. Not to mention extreme sports such as Snow-Boarding, Surfing, Skiing, and the like. For years Oakley has taken care of the worlds need for the best eyewear in the planet, now the good news is Oakley has begun to take care of everything else we need.

ELITE SPECIAL FORCES
STANDARD ISSUE

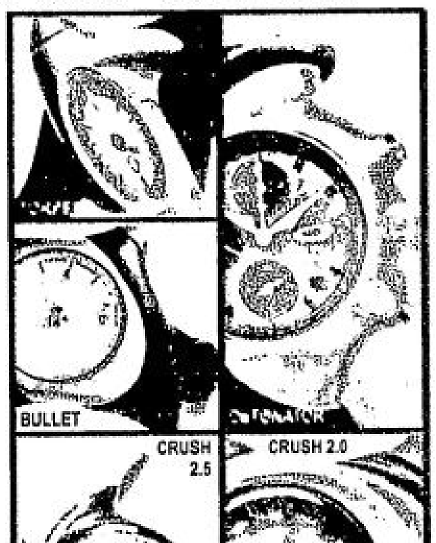
Oakley's pride and joy! Make no mistake about the SI ASSAULT BOOT, this baby was actually designed specifically for the U.S. Elite Forces! There can be no greater compliment than to be commissioned by the U.S. military to actually produce a product that is required to be at the same level of standard as any U.S. military gear. These soldier's lives depend on their gear, and the SI ASSAULT BOOT is a testament to Oakley's fierce commitment to product development and the high level of standard that comes with their products. The Elite Forces needed a more athletic design than any boot ever conceived. To attack the problem, Oakley engineers teamed with specialists from various branches of the U.S. military. Multiple alterations of the new invention were tested in urban, mountain, desert, snow, and jungle environments. The end result exceeded the combat performance profile for durability, comfort and protection, and was deemed worthy of the Elite Special Forces. Engineered with a lightweight athletic design, The Oakley Elite-Special Forces Standard-Issue Assault Boot is braced by an over-the-ankle boot shaft and shielded by abrasion resistant panels on soft top-grain leather. A comprehensive moisture control system maximizes comfort. Advanced polymer EVA and premium urethane offer resilient shock absorption while High-NBS vulcanized rubber maintains traction over a full range of terrain. Make no mistake, consumers will be getting the best pair of boots in the world today... and that's an Oakley guarantee!

## SI ASSAULT BOOT



Oakley's surfing gear continues to grow as the company continues to innovate with materials and technology providing unsurpassed designs that endow surfers with the best surfing equipment available in the planet today. This season, Oakley introduces a newly developed neoprene stretch panel in Pure Pressure and a drainage system that allows water to flow seamlessly giving the surfer stylized aerodynamics while hanging-ten. There is also the hi-tech venting panel in Oil Filter that keeps the surf wear snug and tight providing the surfer an infinite range of motion and movement. Oakley has also specifically targeted women in the sport. This is what Kira Shepard uses in professional competition. While Surfing has recently caught on here in the country, Oakley's Surf wear will surely give any beginner or professional that much needed edge to stay on the board... When it comes to Oakley there are no wipeouts.

## OAKLEY TIMEPIECES



Oakley set out to invent a new line of distinct watches, but ended up inventing a new language in the process... Oakley 4-D. It's an entirely new design dialect that combines separate three-dimensional ideas into a single unified geometry.

Oakley's CAD/CAM engineering was enough to create monolithic casings of stainless steel and injection-molded titanium, giving their timepieces enough strength to withstand punishment any extreme sport enthusiast can dish out. Oakley also rendered high-performance Unobtanium watchbands with flawless precision, this time bestowing upon the consumers a comfortable fit that is unparalleled in the industry. Combining these elements into a watch and wrapping them around human anatomy was at first considered impossible. Of course we all know that nothing is impossible when it comes to Oakley technology, and so they created internal frame structures which maintain the continuity of sculpted surfaces while being seduced by the shape of your wrist. So the durability of lightweight alloys can be matched with the perpetual comfort of Unobtanium... The result is more than a new dimension of thinking, it's a timeless idea that breathes new life into the timepiece industry. A revolution has just begun, and like always Oakley is the juggernaut behind it.

## ACCESSORIES

To complete the Oakley image and lifestyle everyone desires, Oakley has also produced fashionably high-end, and technologically sound accessories to match its stylish line of apparel. From an array of trendy *caps, beanies, hats, to all-purpose bags, backpacks, computer bags/cases, duffle bags, even leather belts, wallets, to cell phone cases, socks, gloves key-chains, headbands & wristbands, various stickers using ingenious and stylized materials, golf towels, golf umbrellas, pouches, organizers, some wallets & organizers, to even ID straps called lanyards. All made and designed with Oakley's penchant for fusing science and art. Nothing escapes Oakley.*

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**LIVIN' LA LOBA NEGRA.** To make a statement on color, use chocolate panstick foundation, silver eye shadow and lipgloss. Satin-silk halter blouse and Cartier's Agnes earrings and necklace.

The inner eye has seen many more things than the physical eye. It has lived many lives, moved through different cultures and lands. It can—if you let it—open and widen to take in a much longer lifespan of time than the years of the body. Along with the eternity of experience is the boundlessness of peace

# FACES OF ETERNITY

Photos by Tom Epperson ○ Pictorial direction by Antonio Salac Santos

MODEL: Lorna Tolentino
HAIR and MAKEUP: [illegible]
FASHION: [illegible]
JEWELRY: Cartier
MAKEUP: MAC

**ONE HOT MOMMA.** Mulatta or bronze foundation is complemented by the turquoise silk blouse, accented with Melimelo earrings and necklace.

**SHANGHAI SECRETS.** Classic makeup of pale foundation, brown eye shadow and red lipstick Chinese silk jacquard blouse with Metissange earrings used as brooch.

**VAMP, VAMP, BABY, VAMP!** The black silk top and Diadea ring as brooch provide a contrast to MAC Hyperreal's foundation and Diadea earrings.

**THE DAZE OF MARIA CLARA.** Lorna wears a silk bustier under a handloomed silk organdy overblouse. The new MAC Paint Foundation in Bare Canvas gives a natural glow. Cartier's Pluie de Diamants accessories enhance the sheen.

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# Globalization creates interest in Australian design

NICOLE Zimmerman starts her own collection.

PAABLO (with a double a) Nevada is one of the promising young designers.

WAYNE Cooper's trademark sexiness inspired by "Flashdance."

NICOLE Finetti's draped jersey

AKIRA Isogawa combines Eastern sensibilities with Western design.

GLOBALIZATION has made most fashion designers dream of having their clothes sold and worn in other parts of the world.

Simon Lock, founder and managing director of Australian Fashion Innovators, launched the first Australian Fashion Week in 1996 following the successful fashion weeks in Paris, Milan, London and New York where international buyers, journalists and celebrity clients went to watch spectacular collections.

With Mercedes Benz as presentor, Australian Fashion Week started to promote Australian designer collections to the world market. The traveling time from Europe and the US was long and tedious. The seasons were the complete opposite of the Northern Hemisphere. The fashion industry was still modest in scale.

## Going global

The early Mercedes Australian Fashion Weeks (MAFW), held in the Sydney Showgrounds and Fox Studios, mobilized stylists, make-up artists and models. The standouts were the labels Morrissey Edminston (partners Leona Edminston and Peter Morrissey split in 1998 and established their labels under their own names),Scanlon & Theodore, Jodie Boffa, Tea Rose and Third Millennium.

The Sydney Morning Herald reported, "Australia's image is being revamped, free of the archetypal icons of outback, flora and fauna. Today's look is international, urban and contemporary. Australian fashion designers are thinking globally."

Over the years, visitors have been impressed with the craftsmanship and imaginative presentation of Australian collections.

The MAFEW introduced, among others, Japanese emigré Akira Isogawa, who became known for his innovative use of layering luxury materials, infused with antique fabrics and prints inspired by kimono; the New Zealand label Zambesi noted for precision and craftsmanship; Zimmerman, which set a new standard in swimwear with its sassy, graphic-printed and risqué cutaway designs; Collette Dinnigan, a name in feminine, sensual evening wear.

Zimmerman is now a consultant of Marks & Spencer and part of the Victoria's Secret catalogue which targets millions of Americans. Now found in prestige stores in London and New York, these labels are featured in editorials of widely circulated fashion magazines.

## New venue

In May this year, MAFW moved its venue to Sydney's Circular Quay. The transfer to Australia's most iconic landmarks (The Rocks, the Opera House, the Overseas Passenger Terminal and the Museum of Contemporary Art) aims to boost MAFW's standing as an international fashion week with top scenic venues.

For the past five years, Hong Kong designers have participated in the MAFW. Hong Kong's cultural diversity combines modern elements with traditional Oriental sensibilities. Dorian Ho, Baboon, fait a main, Pacino Wan and Spy presented their next spring collection.

These Hong Kong labels have already found space in Japan, the US, France and the United Kingdom.

"Mode + L," a weekly style show produced by Runway Productions, will feature the MAFW 2003 collections in July. Station and airtime will be announced later.

Audie Espino, Runway Productions executive producer, said Hong Kong contributed to MAFW's international credibility. It supports the establishment of the MAFW as the center of presenting ready-to-wear collections in Asia and the Pacific.

Lock, MAFW head, showed interest in the Philippines' participation. Espino said he hoped to get funding so Filipino collections could be seen in international runways.

# Each other's antithesis

**By Cherish Garcia Hernandez**
*Contributor*

*A.L.T. A Memoir*
*Andre Leon Talley*

*The Devil Wears Prada*
*Lauren Weisberger*

TALLEY

**TWO books from two people who worked in the inner sanctum of the fashion world's bible, Vogue, have recently been published. The first is a memoir by the current editor-at-large, and the other, a work of fiction by a former assistant to editor Anna Wintour. Though it can be said that both books are about the same world, they are each other's antithesis. I'm talking about the much-anticipated "The Devil Wears Prada" and the more subdued "A.L.T., A Memoir."**

Weisberger's work of fiction is about Andrea who works as an assistant to the editor from hell, Miranda Priestly. Although all the characters are fictional and the magazine Runway doesn't exist, it is obvious what this book is all about. And what a stir it has caused!

## Heartless

Fashionistas' tongues across the globe have been wagging. What could be more delicious gossip than the inside dirt on fashion's most powerful woman, Ms Wintour. One reads about her excesses with guilty pleasure and delightful glee. In one instance, she has two of the latest Harry Potter books flown by private plane to Paris for her daughters' consumption. In another, she throws an expensive meal from an expensive restaurant, untouched, into the garbage.

One feels an indescribable sense of disgust and voyeuristic anticipation when one realizes that there are people like her. Halfway into the book, one tires of Andrea's whining and Miranda's unapologetic cruelty. Unlike "The Nanny Diaries," which seemed to have started the trend for this genre of fiction, one does not sympathize with Andrea.

Sure, she works long hours and has a slave driver of a boss, but she also enjoys perks that no other entry-level job can give her. What other job can afford you the chance to wear couture clothes worth thousands of dollars, ride chauffeur-driven Town Cars or fly to Paris and stay at the Ritz? Not to mention access to the finest restaurants and parties in New York City.

"The Devil Wears Prada" wanes until its fluffy ending where our protagonist predictably quits her job and moves on to what she really wants to do–to write. It is mind-boggling how a heartless and soulless book, filled with clichés and grammatical errors, could win for the author a six-figure advance based on its tell-all promise.

## Strong values

Just when one has had enough of Andrea, here comes André Leon Talley. The editor-at-large of Vogue, who stands 6' 7" and delights us with his monthly column, Stylefax, just wrote his memoir, "A.L.T".

Unlike Weisberger's back-stabbing extravaganza, Talley pays homage to the two women he credits for molding his aesthetic sensibility: his maternal grandmother Bennie Frances Davis and the divine Diana Vreeland, editor of Vogue from 1962 to 1971. It is a breath of fresh air to read his book coming after "The Devil Wears Prada."

With dignity and poise, Talley recounts his humble beginnings in the small town of Durham, North Carolina, where his grandmother, a cleaning lady, raised him.

Even if they were poor, he learned the true meaning of luxury because of the way his grandmother chose to live. He remembered crisp white ironed sheets and perfectly preserved Sunday suits for church. He recalled every detail of his grandmother's Sunday clothes down to her immaculate Kislav gloves. He narrated, "My earliest experiences of luxury, then, were not experiences of surfeit and sumptuousness, but of the beauty of ordinary tasks done well and in good frame of mind."

His was not an overnight rags-to-riches story. Rather it was a careful path paved with kindness, faith, dignity and a strong sense of family, simple values long since forgotten in a world where it has become commonplace to trample over anyone to get to the top.

Talley had a hardworking father who provided for his education at the State University. Later, he was accepted on a full scholarship at Brown University where he received a master's degree in French studies.

## No gossip

Through the help of friends, he landed a job as a volunteer assistant at the Metropolitan Museum's Costume Institute while he was still studying. There he met his idol, and later mentor, Ms Vreeland.

Through her glowing recommendations, he got a job at Andy Warhol's Interview magazine which later led to a job at Women's Wear Daily where he eventually became its Paris bureau chief. Today, as Vogue editor-at-large, Talley remains one of the most flamboyant and brilliant voices in high fashion.

He briefly mentioned his famous friends, Karl Lagerfeld, Halston, Mica Ertegun, Miuccia Prada and even Anna Wintour. With incredible noblesse oblige, he wrote about them with utmost respect and amazing tact.

This book is short on gossip. Those hoping for a behind-the-scenes look at the fashion world, Talley's Studio 54 days or inside dirt on his famous friends will be disappointed. Most of the time the book extolls the virtues of the author's grandmother and Ms Vreeland. His writing is pure and poised.

After reading the book which is a glimpse into Talley's soul, one feels tender towards this man who kept himself grounded after many years in the fashion world.

He rose from cutting pictures from Vogue to actually working there, proving that dreams could come true. Pride in his work and in himself were the vehicles he used to achieve success. His story inspires. The fact that he knows how to be grateful is even more admirable.

Talley shows what true class is all about. In contrast, Weisberger shows how today's generation has no qualms about cashing in, even if it means airing one's dirty laundry.

There is truth in Talley's lamentation about today's "wash-and-wear" culture and his observation that it does not take money to have class.

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## FEEDBACK

# Hitler and culture

*Editor's Note: This letter is a reaction to Leovino Garcia's "On Being Cultured," published in the May 10, 2003 issue of Élan.*

CULTURE contains the seeds of survival and self-destruction. Survival and the self-destructive themes of culture can be turned off and on. It is a double-edged sword.

Germany, one of the most cultured and highly Christian nations, produced philosophers, artists and scientists. Contrary to popular misconception, Hitler was extremely cultured, widely read in literature, philosophy, theology and religion.

A recent Atlantic article disclosed that the religious books and articles in his 3,000-volume personal library were heavily annotated in his own handwriting. Hitler and the Germans were so enamored of their culture that they could not see its self-destructive elements.

What resulted was the belief in the manifest destiny of the blond, blue-eyed, German race as rulers of the world. This vision was supported by a belief system that included the philosophies of Hegel, Nietzsche and Schopenhauer. Even Martin Heidegger, the central figure in existential philosophy, bought into this vision.

An important intellectual ability is to stand outside the culture and view its good and bad elements. This is not easy because we are immersed in our culture. Our culture is a permanently colored spectacle that we use in viewing reality.

At the height of its glory in the 16th century, Spain purged itself of Jews. Other European nations also despised the Jews, especially Germany, but they used the Jews for their business acumen and aggressive business enterprises.

Spain, which staunchly believed that only pure Catholicism can do good, expelled all Jews from the country. What followed was a slow, steady decline in the country's economic power. The Spaniards looked at the Jews with cultural bias which won over critical, objective thinking.

I recall Prof. Victor Limlingan writing in a "Philippine Studies" article of how our short-sighted nationalism excluded ethnic Chinese from the dynamic 1950s, aborting what could have been an early Philippine take-off, faster than Taiwan, Singapore, South Korea and Malaysia. Even now, one of our cultural sins is not recognizing our ethnic Chinese enough and their role in national development.

There is grudging acceptance of the success of the ethnic Chinese but no real attempt to harness the full capabilities of this important segment of our nation by embracing and celebrating it.

This is an example of our cultural myopia. Other valuable (and also destructive) elements of our culture should be exhaustively studied.

The appreciation of our own and the Western literature, art and other cultural elements is laudable. However, in the hierarchy of values, I would place the ability to stand apart from the culture and view the good and bad elements objectively as the supreme virtue so sorely needed today.

Bill "Willie" de Lara

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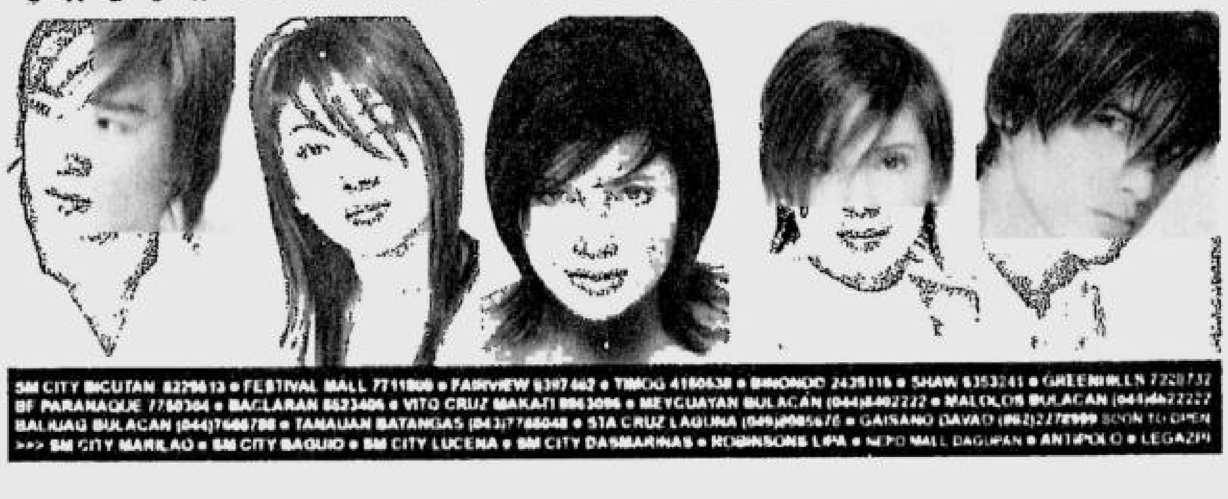

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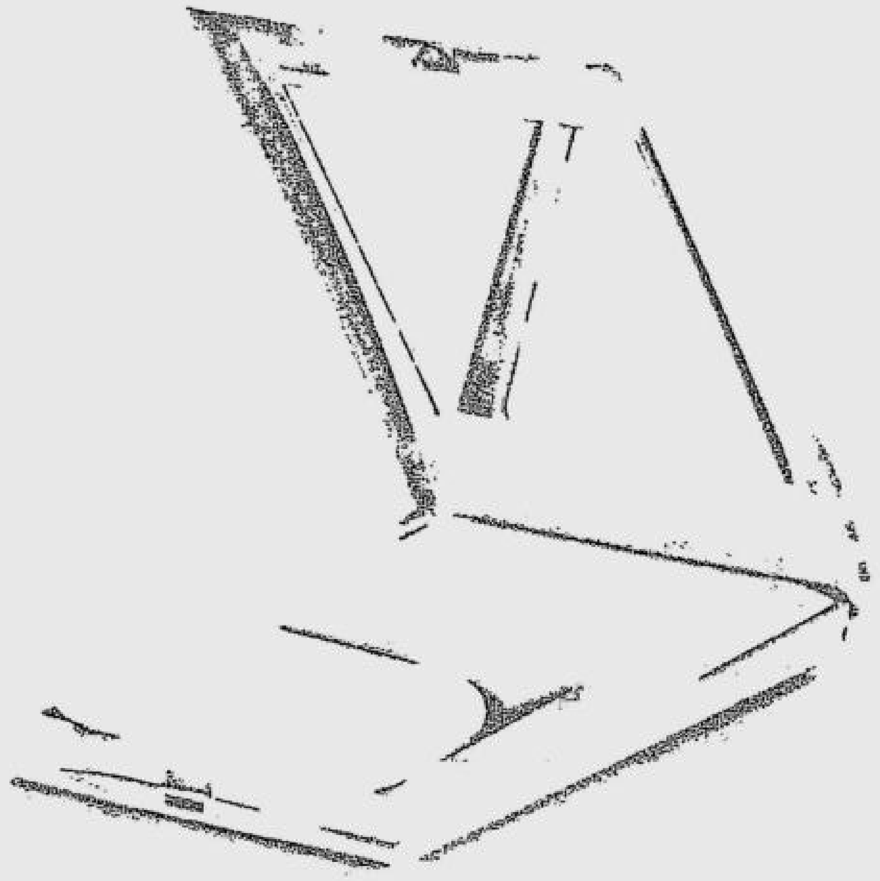

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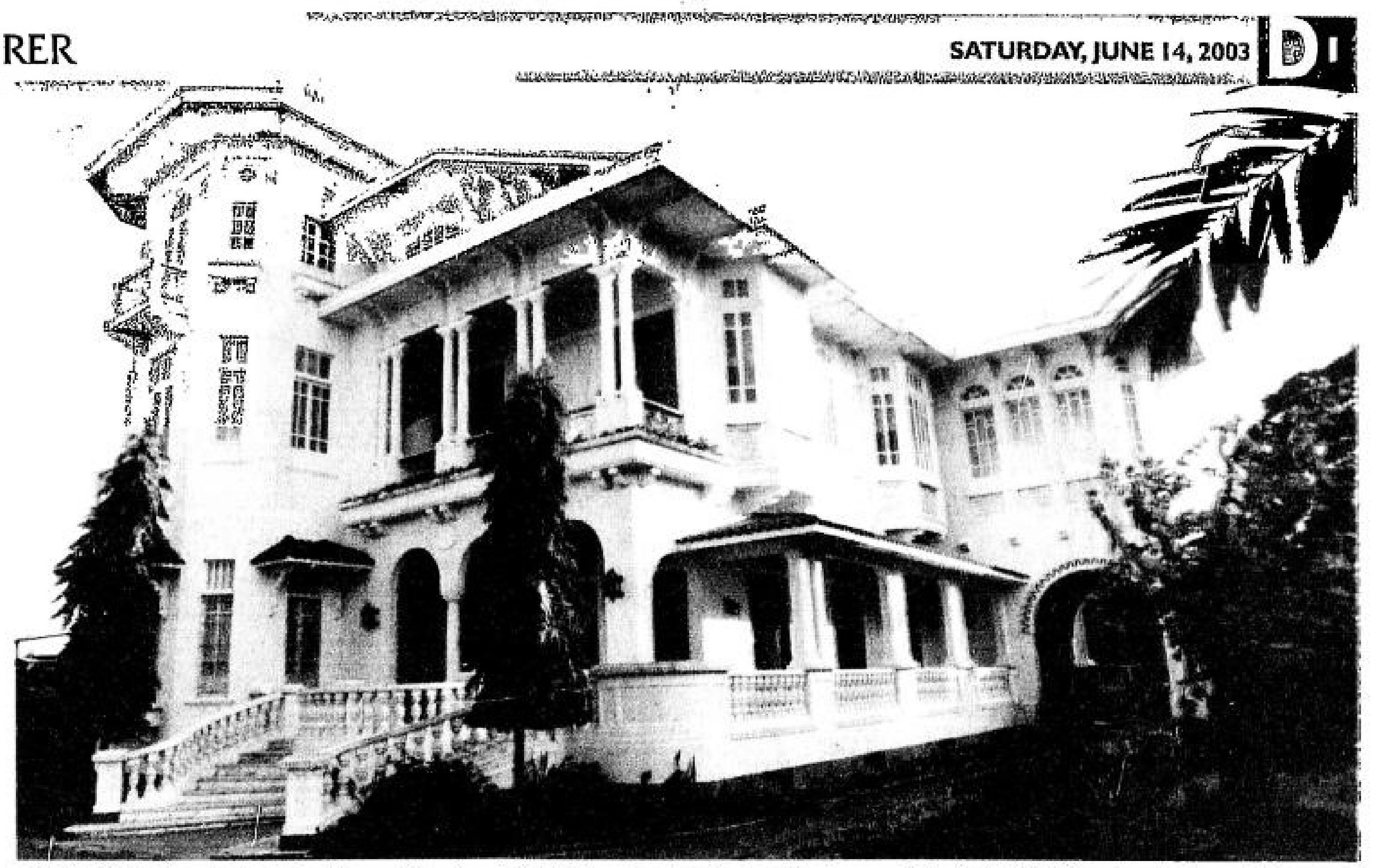

STANDING tall and proud, the Lizares Mansion delightfully mixes tropical architecture with typical 1920s American house architecture.

# TO THE MANSION BORN

**By Augusto F. Villalon, *Contributor* • Photos by Chito Vecina • Pictorial direction by Albert Avellana**

THE mansions of Bacolod are places of power. There is no way to ignore their presence. Being bigger than the ordinary houses, they stand prouder, taller than any other structure around them. Their height proclaims their existence at a notch obviously above their neighbors.

"Mansion architecture" country is a peculiar genre associated with, but not confined to, southern sugar planters. The genre is not confined to the Philippines since houses of that type exist in different parts of the world.

## Biggest is best

Oversized houses always stand on prime, precious real estate. Sometimes built in the center of the city, they are found in the prestigious main plaza. Others are built in properties that once were on the quiet fringes of the city center.

With the unchecked growth of cities, most mansions that used to be in quiet enclaves now find themselves in the crowded central commercial district.

The foremost hallmark of mansion architecture is size. Bigger is better, but biggest is best. To achieve mansion proportions, many stretch the house concept to the limit. Overscaling interior spaces, ceiling heights, roof slopes and other elements is common. Almost always a room or two juts above the roof line. It is tower-like, providing a vantage point that looks out at the world beyond. A tower makes the house proportions grander too.

Ornamentation is another hallmark. Without it, the mansion cannot be a serious one. The house must be full of details inside and out. Details spell opulence. They differentiate one mansion from another. In the name of ornamentation, exterior concrete walls change their appearance to become faux stone, rough stucco or scalloped into decorative shell patterns. The varieties are endless.

Gardens are another hallmark. Hectares of garden buffer the house from the street, keeping unwanted intruders away. Now that the houses are at least three generations old, the trees have matured, so different from the saplings planted in new subdivisions.

Fruit trees, rather than ornamental ones, fill the garden with seasonal colors and fragrances of *macopa*, mango, *chico*, *kaimito* and other tropical fruits. The plants usually go back three generations as well. Good old *dama de noche, rosal* and *cadena de amor* are no longer in fashion.

## Style of the moment

Fashion is absolutely important in mansion architecture. Most mansions were built in the heady period from the turn of the 20th century to maybe the late 1930s. So they more or less follow the same architectural trends and style. A mansion had to be in the absolute style of the moment.

Interpreting the style of the moment is where character steps in. Each house follows a basic architectural approach, then adds on the "mansion hallmarks" that give the house its own identity.

Take the Lizares mansion in Bacolod. It stands proudly, presenting a façade that cries out, "Mansion!" High ceilings on both floors give it height; a tower above the roof line gives it importance. Like most mansions, it mixes architectural styles with abandon.

Its architecture is a typical American house modified for the tropics with large windows and verandahs. In the American fashion, decorative wooden brackets support the roof. In Filipino fashion, the awnings over the windows and roof over the verandah use Spanish tile.

The interior tells a different story from the exterior. Detailed in the style of the era, the hardwood floor (can any truly Filipino house be without it?) is laid out in geometric Art Deco designs that contrast with the arches and columns from the *fin de siecle*.

It is a truly Filipino house. Its interior has pattern upon pattern, texture upon texture and color upon color. These elements give the interior the opulence that a house such as this deserves.

Mansion architecture is no longer something that can be done today. Mansions tell of eras past and lifestyles gone. People like to live differently these days, but there some families like living in the way that they have always lived. They maintain their mansions as a way of maintaining their heritage.

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# Lolo Pisiong's house

**By Adrian Lizares**
*Contributor*

THE MYTH of genteel Southern Living in this country was that life was immensely kind to those who could afford it. To this day, that quality of provincial living is very much alive. After leaving city life, I can go back to this level of leisure in Negros Island. Everyone will eventually find the time to look back on his roots. As I did, by revisiting my granduncle's home across the plaza from the town church of our hometown, Talisay.

Don Simplicio A. Lizares raised 13 children, all born in his completely Philippine-style Art Deco mansion, built by the National Artist Juan Nakpil, with craftsmen from the Puyat Furniture Co. The house has remained in much the same way that the architect had turned it over to Lolo after it had been completed in 1934.

Preserved by a foundation set up by his heirs, the house is strictly administered by a succession of his daughters, all of whom physically resemble their paternal grandmother, the willful Encarnacion Lizares or Kapitana Dikang. This grand matriarch of the Lizares clan was a powerbroker at the turn of the century.

The dining room is located at the second floor of the building, the kitchen with its own pergola staircase, offering the cooks the chance to view the sunrise on their way up to work. A 24-seater dinner table was not just for guests to enjoy, but rather was an object of daily use. Lolo had such a big family.

Kapitana Dikang led the rest of her clan to follow in her ways. The men slept downstairs and the womenfolk lived on the second floor–away from prying eyes. During Holy Week they would busy themselves with the *carrozas* parked in Lolo Pisiong's *entresuelo*. The showpiece was the grand *carroza* of the Mater Dolorosa.

Inside, exotic woodwork belied the owners' simple lives. Daily activities took place under Art Deco crystal lamps. Kamagong and molave flooring formed circular motifs along the entrance hall. Local motifs include the rosettes and sugarcane carved onto the ceilings.

Through this household's portals came and went many vintage automobiles–the 1937 Packard from the United States and the 1948 Jaguar sedan among them.

My granduncle and his family devote precious time and effort to the preservation of this architectural legacy.

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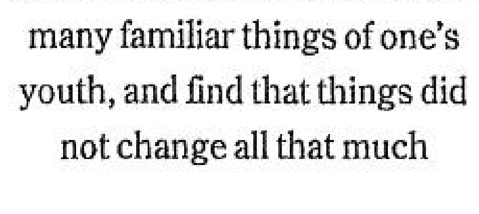
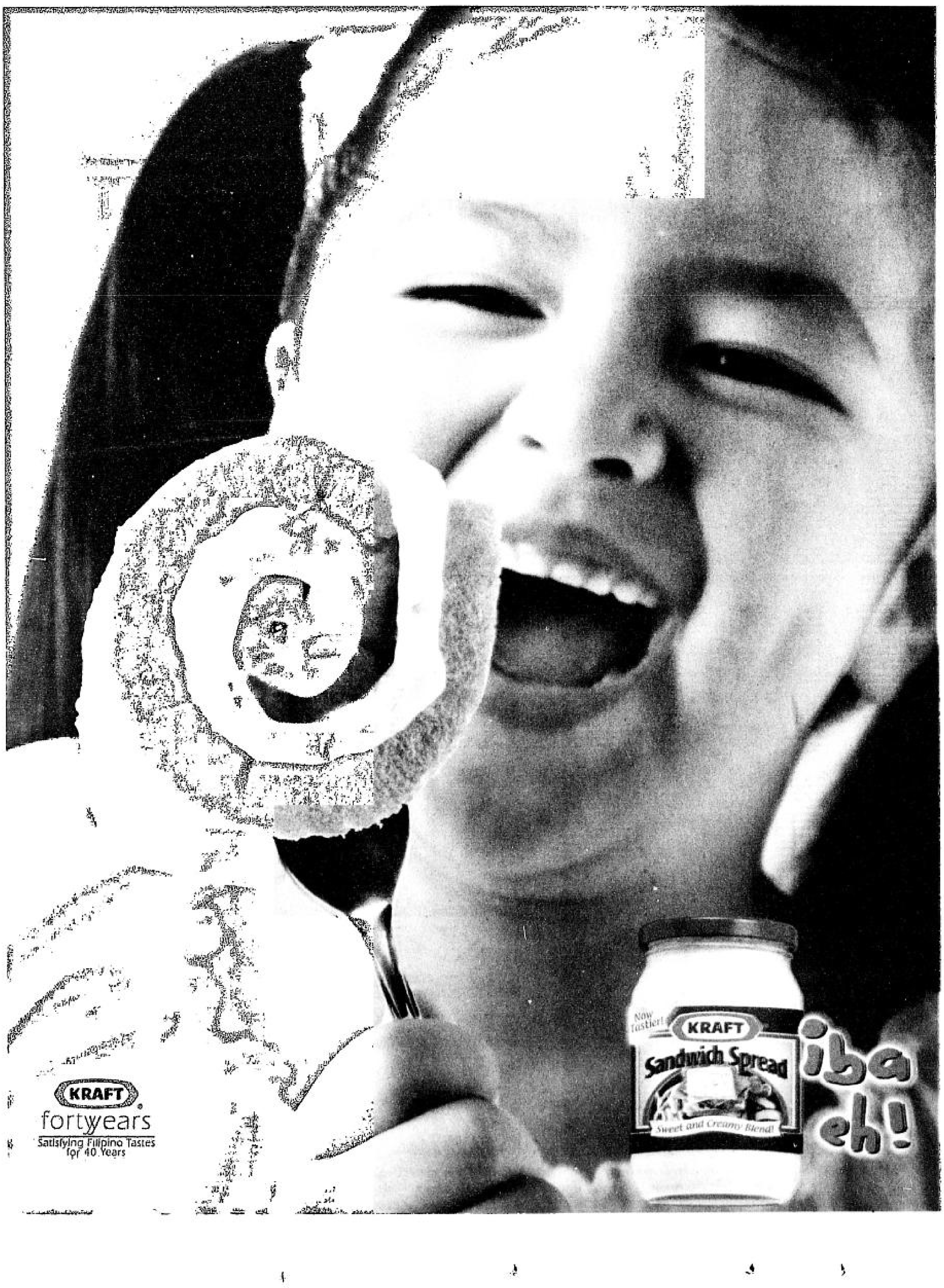


It is reassuring to return to the many familiar things of one's youth, and find that things did not change all that much



# Lolo Pisiong's house

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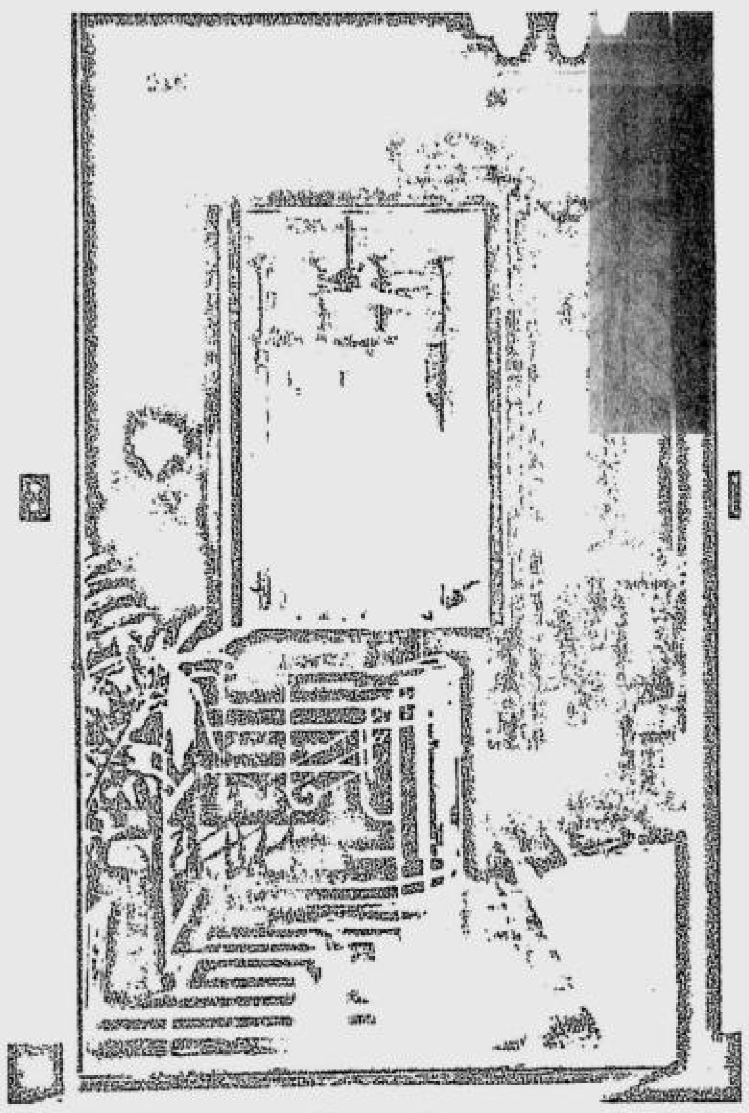

IN total Art Deco, the stair railing complements the geometry of the floor pattern as the geometry continues to the wall panels.

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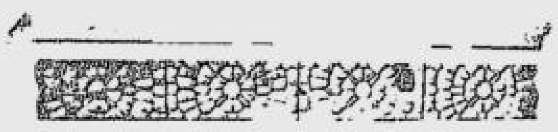
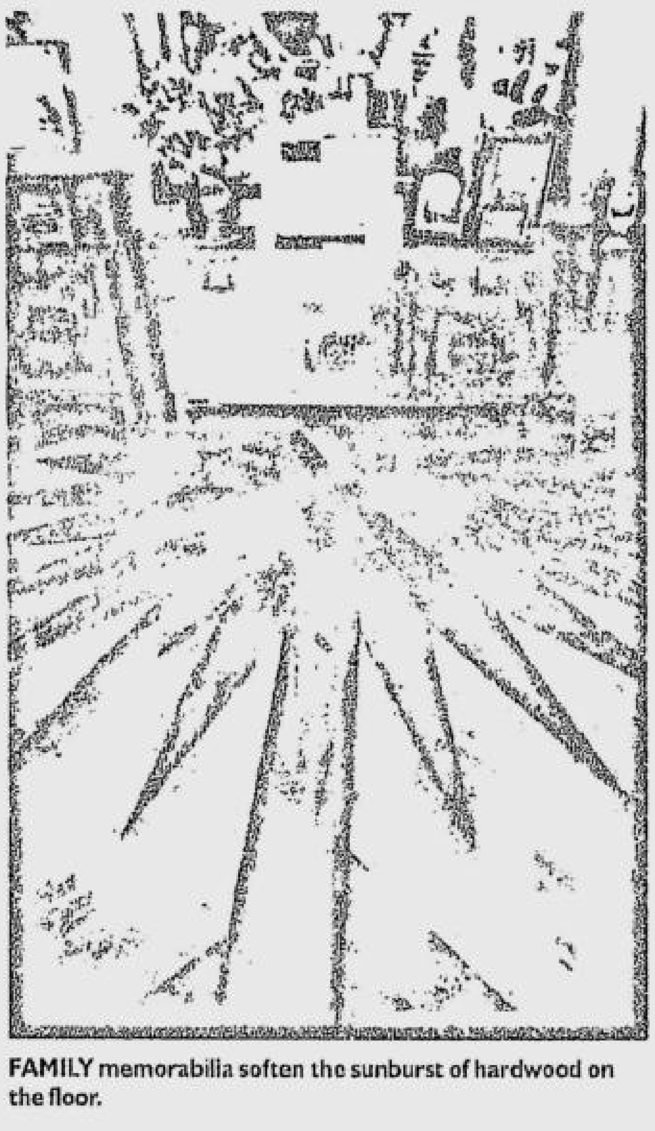
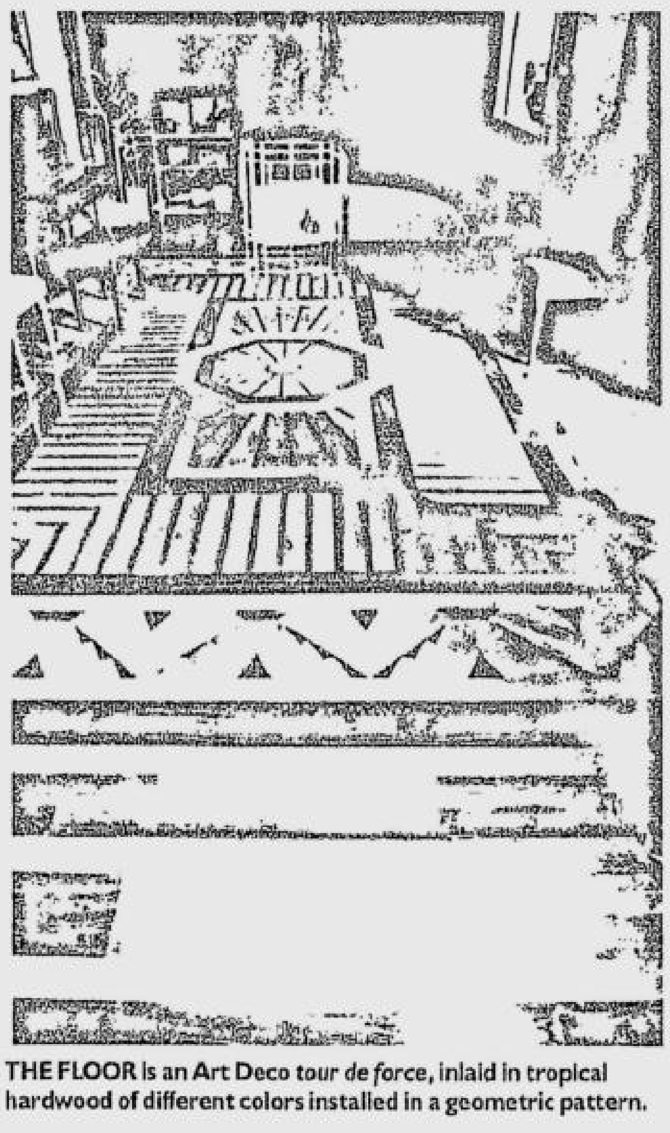


CEILING patterns in period colors evoke Japanese silks.

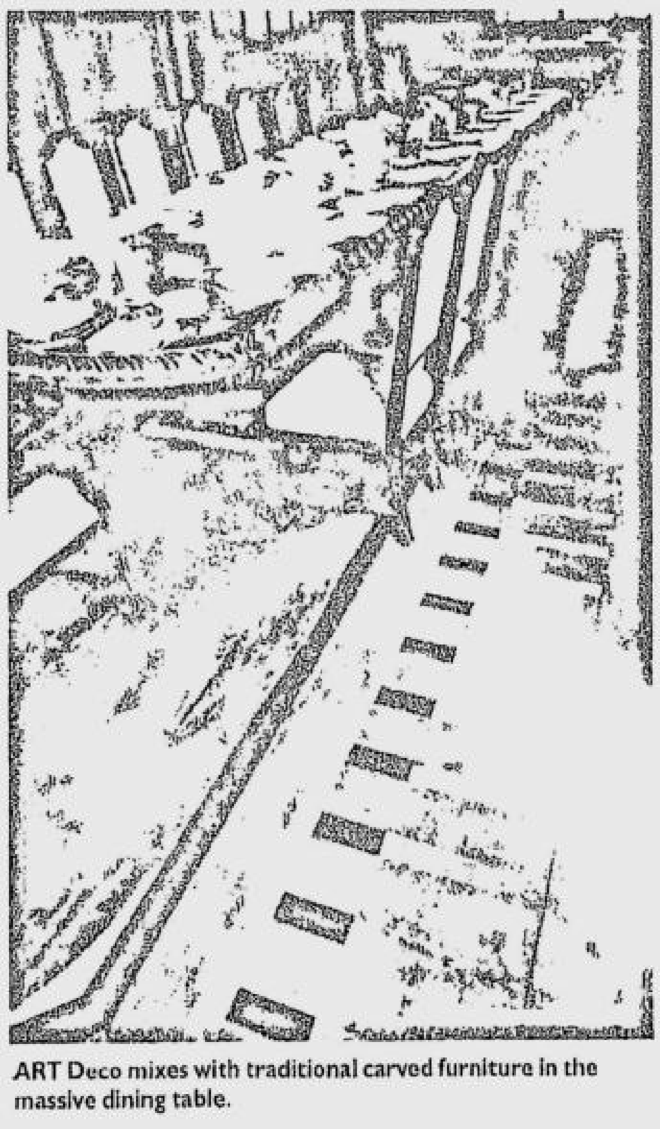
**THE GRAND** living room exudes *fin de siecle* formality with the unexpected mix of a geometric floor inlaid in the Art Deco style.



**FAMILY** memorabilia soften the sunburst of hardwood on the floor.



**THE FLOOR** is an Art Deco *tour de force*, inlaid in tropical hardwood of different colors installed in a geometric pattern.



**ART** Deco mixes with traditional carved furniture in the massive dining table.

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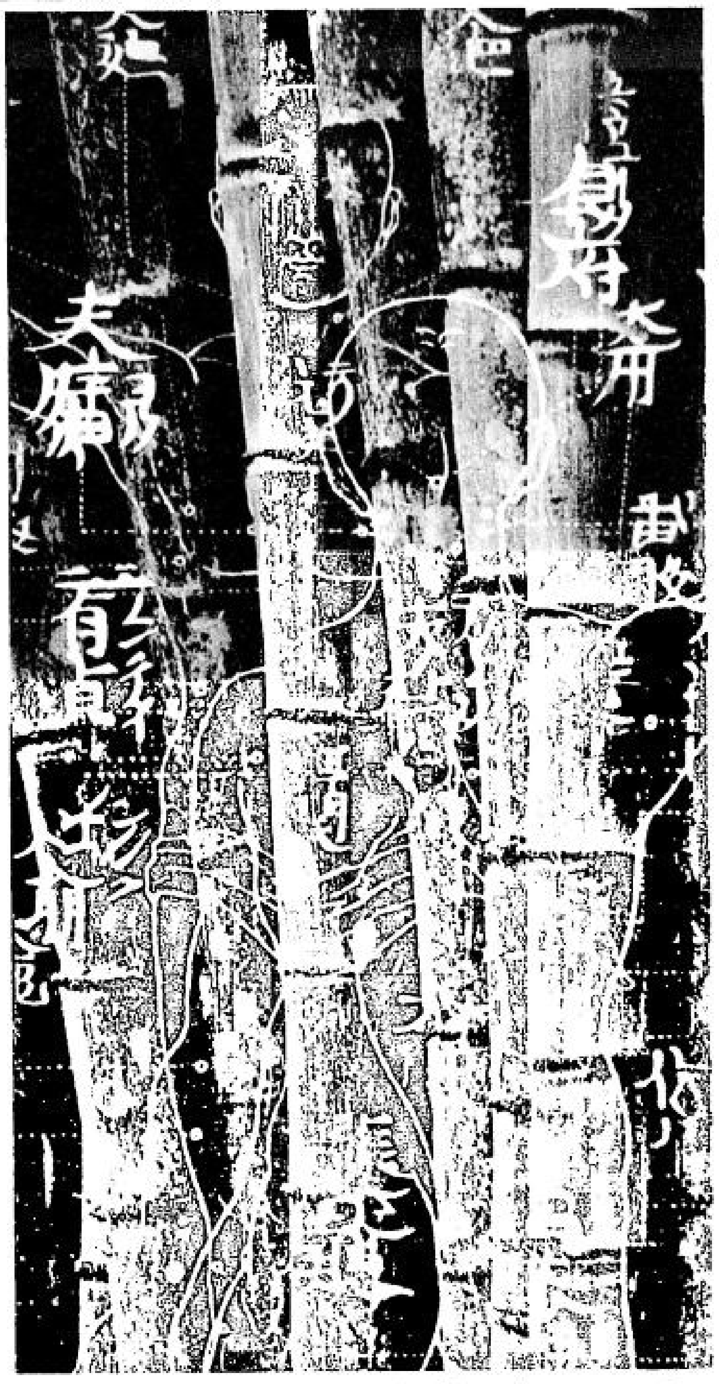
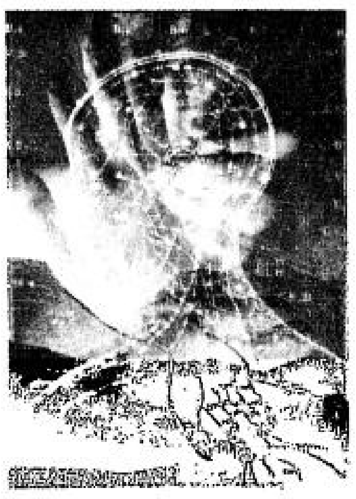


OSHIMA's digital art study.



**HOLOGRAPH** of the energy points in the body.

# IN PURSUIT OF VIRTUE

# VIRTUAL

By Leovino Ma. Garcia, *Contributor*

**WHAT is a Neal Oshima work doing in an InterCare Healthcare Center? Situated on Kalayaan Avenue in Makati City, the place promises clients "a better and healthier state of being."**

The center's philosophy is: "The correct expression of the natural self brings as a result a healthy life. If we do what is natural, our bodies reward us with vitality; if we do otherwise, we bring our bodies to a state of weakness and disease."

Unless you have suffered golf injuries or indulged in the ancient Chinese healing method of acupuncture, chances are that you have not stepped into the Healthcare Center and not laid eyes on Oshima's untitled digital artwork. Even if you frequent the place, you may not have noticed his work as you walk past it on the second floor. Those who have taken time to pause and look at it closely are intrigued. The work challenges the intelligence and invites interpretation.

Oshima has appropriated certain images from antiquity and from his work as a photographer. The most prominent images are a German celestial chart (a map to help one navigate the skies), an outline of the human body indicating acupuncture points and an X-ray of the InterCare logo—an open right palm supported by the left hand.

## Celestial chart

On the celestial chart, one can identify a sextant, a compass rose (which shows the four directions on an antique map), Greek characters like alpha, beta, delta, epsilon and gamma, and the German names for certain constellations like the Big Bear (Grosser Bar), Small Bear (Kleiner Bar) and Northern Polar Cross (Nordlicher Polarkreis), even the name of psychoanalyst Jung. On the human figure, Chinese characters mark the places for the acupuncture needles.

The celestial chart and the image of the human figure are closely linked. The big world is visually represented as the "macrocosmos" and the space of small world, the "microcosmos." They bring to mind Leonardo da Vinci's drawing of the male figure inside a circle. Oshima admitted that he was influenced by da Vinci's drawings and has been fascinated with Chinese medicine since his early 20s.

The celestial chart and acupuncture map bring together East and West (disproving Rudyard Kipling's assertion that the two will never meet), the rational and the non-rational, the known and the unknown.

Stars, the ones that twinkle in the night sky and not the celluloid ones, abound in this work. One does not need to stretch one's imagination to see why. Oshima's work visually translates InterCare Healthcare Systems' goal of enhancing the harmony and the quality of one's life.

A star is aster in Latin. A star is a guide. InterCare is there to prevent "dis-aster" for golfers by reminding them that "there is an inherent, intimate relationship between structure and function. (F)or us to play golf or tennis or engage in any physical activity, there should be balance between physical body (structure) and use (function)."

Why has Oshima shifted from his successful and well-appreciated commercial photography to art photography? John Berger, the author of "Ways of Seeing," objected to treating photography as one of the fine arts as this would put it in "sacred isolation."

## Photography as fine art

In an early essay in "The Look of Things," Berger claimed that photography would outlive painting and sculpture if it is not treated as a "fine art." To treat photography in this way is to place photographs in a museum, beyond the public, excluding the masses, he wrote.

To consider a photo as a work of art is to make it survive but as a valuable property only there to prop up the confidence of people "who only believe in the illusion of protection which property gives." This goes against the nature of photos that have no rarity value as they are "infinitely reproducible."

Oshima agreed with Berger. Photography is about human choice—the photographer's decision at which time it is worth recording a particular event. Every photograph, according to Berger, carries the photographer's message which when decoded means: "I have decided that seeing this is worth recording."

Oshima may have felt the limitations of commercial photography and turned to his new pursuit because it offered him more freedom to make decisions, more creativity to come up with a "hybrid work that couldn't be done any other way."

He said "new media art", a catchall to contain a wide variety of works, could be accessed more by non-artists. This interactive experience may be at the root of his decision to soon put up New Media Art Gallery (to be housed in the Luz Gallery of happy memory). This time the gallery would have a café in the middle to show that art only survives if it is not confined to a space of "sacred isolation."

Many people are looking for art that will not be on the level of possession but on the level of being, an art at home with the necessities of living like breathing, conversing or simply drinking coffee with someone. Thank you, Mr. Oshima, for reminding us of this truth, this beauty.

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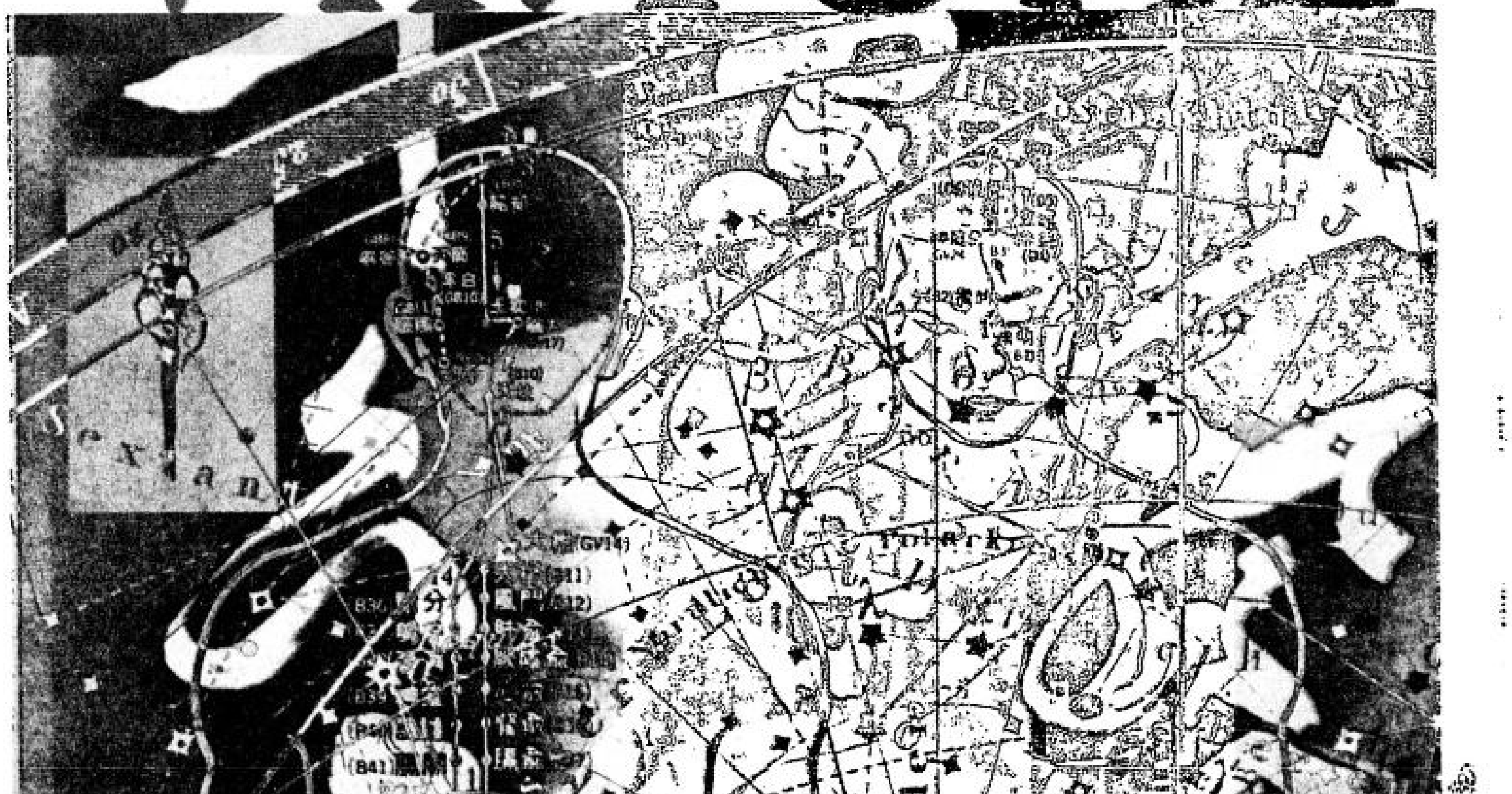

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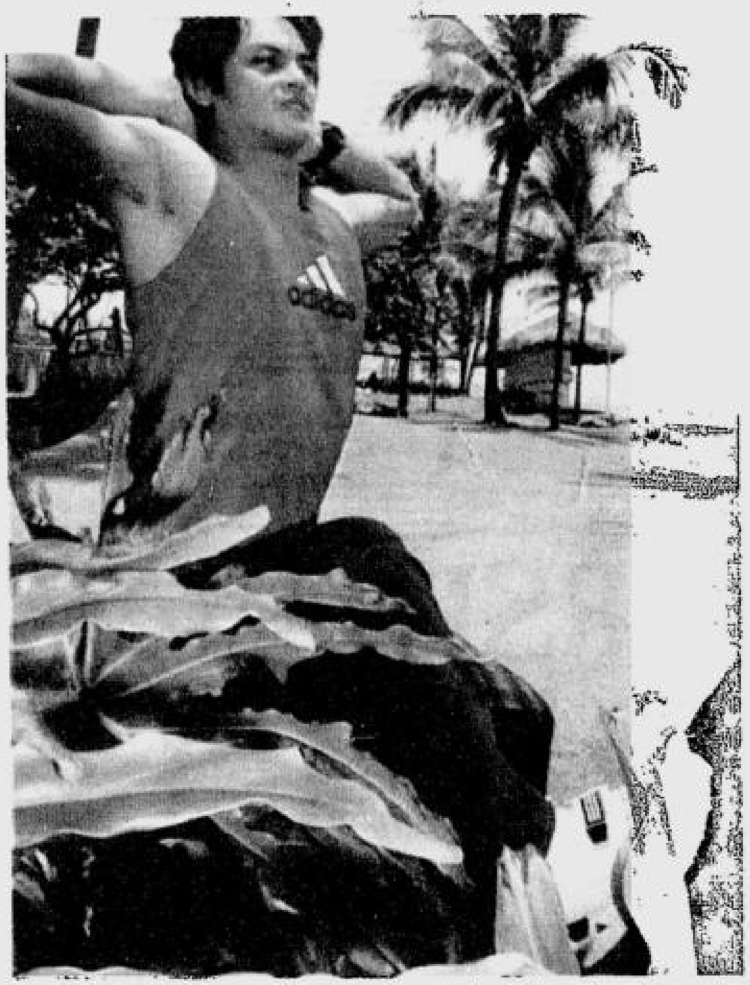
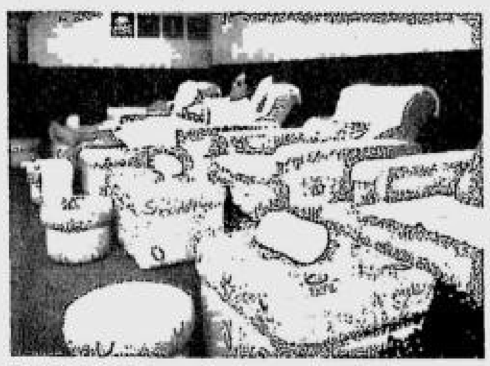


THE WESTIN'S landscape and sea air remain as the unique features of the Health Club.

**CELEBRITY** doctor Joel Mendez holds consultations in a casual setting.



**RENOVATED** spa features a tropical ambience.

# Discretion, anonymity in a spa

Photos by Chito Vecina
Pictorial direction by Albert Avellana

A SOCIETY matron from the South flies to Manila, and checks in at the Westin Philippine Plaza to consult with a doctor regarding her weight problem.

A tourist staying at the same hotel decides to have a liposuction and is discreetly brought to the hospital for the procedure.

Gym members of the Health Sports Club decide to undergo eyelid surgery after looking at its spa menu.

This is the spa lifestyle at the turn of the millennium. The hotel mentioned is taking advantage of its resort ambience through its Health Sports Club and Spa. The landscape is a plus factor. People can enjoy fresh air, brisk walks in the garden or take tennis lessons by the sea.

The heat of the spa pool soothes the body and slows down the activity of the internal organs. Warm water dilates the blood vessels, increases blood circulation, and boosts the body's natural healing process. The same water stimulates the endorphins, the body's natural pain killers.

With the many spas in the Philippines, this hotel is making a bid to beat the competition with its extensive spa menu. The hotel serves as a day spa for walk-ins and a destination spa for domestic and international visitors.

## Weight loss program

Dr. Joel Mendez, president of the Philippine Anti-aging Medical Society, runs the spa. He has a diplomate from the Philippine Board of Bariatric Medicine. (Bariatric medicine deals with treating obesity.)

Known as the doctor of showbiz personalities, Mendez is a celebrity himself. He was interviewed on television, sitting in a position with his legs up in the air to show the power of abdominal muscles. He said he keeps fit by driving from one Weigh Less Center to another.

Mendez studied bariatric medicine at the Weigh Less Center in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1996, he established the Weigh Less Centers in the country. The center has expanded its services to include facial and body treatments.

The Health and Sports Club Spa offers the Weight Loss Program, botox treatments which can be done in room, anti-aging treatments and even makes hospital-based procedures like liposuction, breast augmentation, eyelid surgery and nose lifts accessible to walk-ins, gym members and guests.

"The hotel is bringing the doctors to the clients who don't like the hospital setting," Mendez said.

The most popular treatment is his weight loss program. The behavioral modification and exercise program consists of monitoring one's food intake and relearning to eat the right kinds of food.

He prefers to include exercise in one's lifestyle through window shopping in the malls instead of huffing and puffing on the treadmill. Most clients prefer oral medication which can have immediate and lasting results. During the treatment, clients are advised to avoid caffeine, eat three complete meals and avoid eating four hours before bedtime. They lose an average of three pounds a week. They get their money back if they don't slim down.

Mendez said clients maintain their desired weight because the intestine shrinks and the appetite decreased. He said those who want to be discreet about their consultations meet him at the hotel. He even gets Filipino expatriates to stop over in Manila and go to the hotel.

## Spa menu

The expanded spa menu was introduced last month. Facial treatments use American brands. The facials cater to all skin types and problems like acne, tired skin sagging facial muscles with the laser.

Mendez said the treatment uses extremely fine crystals that remove dead skin. The skin whitening treatment is taken orally. The capsules even out blotchy skin.

He recommends this treatment for pregnant women after delivery as the capsules whiten stretch marks. The body treatments also vary: exfoliation using sea salt, aromatherapy footbaths, body masks made from algae or minerals, slimming and anti-cellulite treatments.

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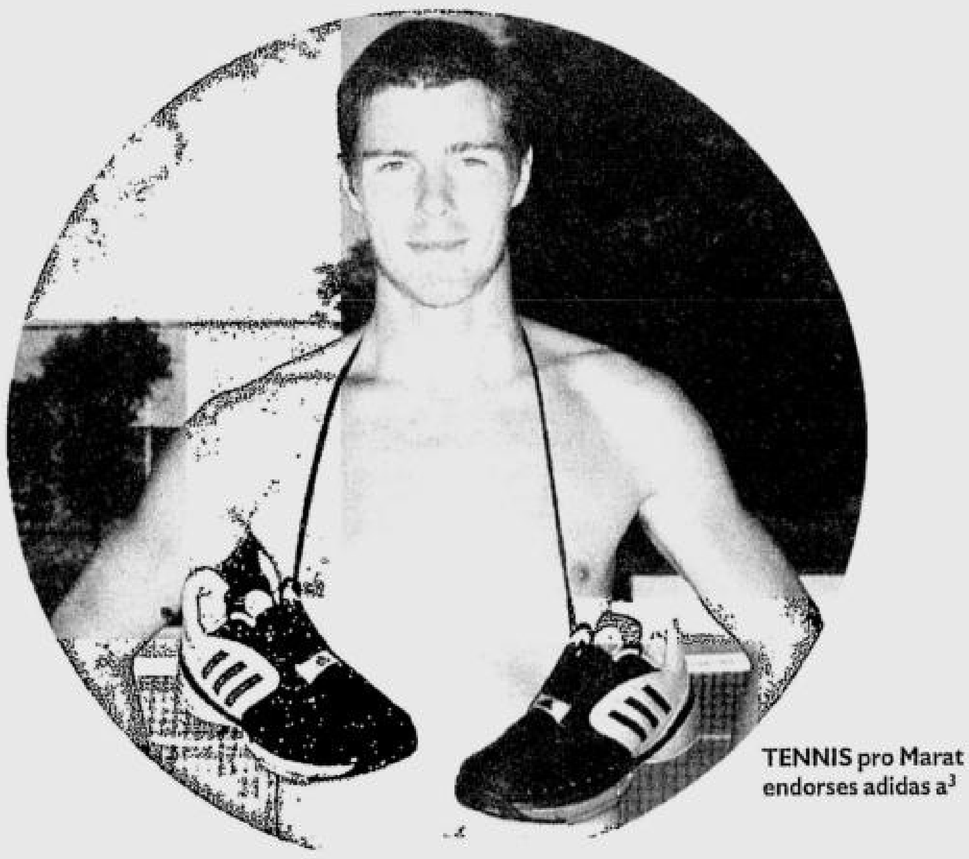

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**MOST sports doctors, physical therapists, biomechanics experts and athletes gave a nod of approval when the adidas $a^3$ (read: A-cubed) arrived in the country. This kind of running shoes was released last year to address the problem of overpronation or the misalignment of the knees, ankles and foot, the leading cause of injuries among athletes.**

The new shoes cushioned the feet in a superior way and most of all, involved deeper physics. Through the adidas $a^3$'s energy management system, the basic forces at work in the feet were considered and the needs addressed.

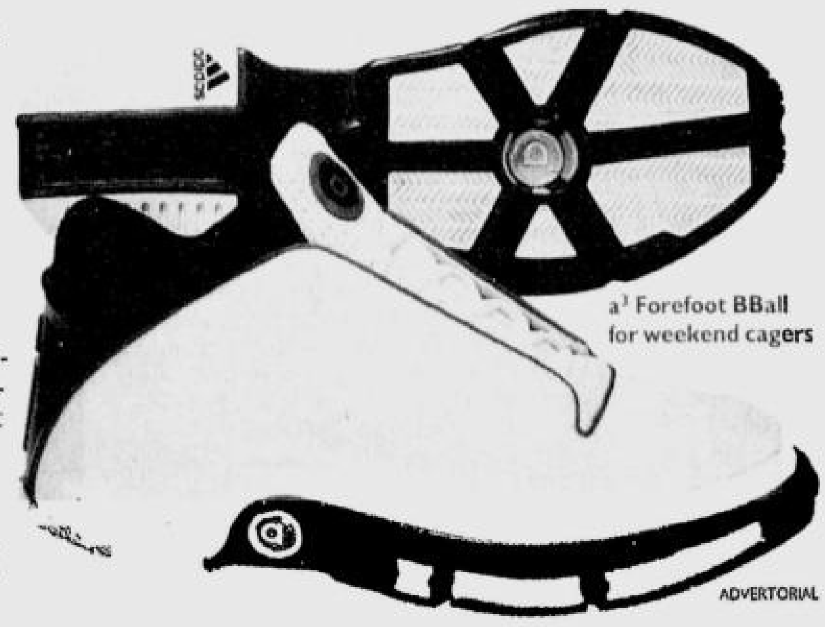
The design of the sole is supposed to provide the three functions of the $a^3$–cushioning the joints from shock, guiding (keeping the weight evenly distributed throughout the foot) and driving (which helps in the smooth transfer of weight from the heel to the ball of the foot).

The **Twin Strike** is the top-of-the line ((P7,095), updated version of the running shoes. The adidas $a^3$ technology is present in both the heel and the forefoot. A Forefoot Transition Plate not found in the original shoe lets loose peak load forces under the metatarsal's heads, thus lessening the load of the user's weight once it reaches the forefoot. A tapered Push-Off Element provides an efficient toe-off to help the user attain a perfect running stride. These new elements steer the feet to a neutral, biomechanically correct footstrike which tremendously decrease the chance of injury. These are the elements behind the efficiency of the energy management system of the shoe to ensure better performance.

$a^3$ Night Runner Blue glows in the dark

The **Night Runner** (P6,395) is a running shoe which is luminiscent at night, thus the name. As a performance shoe, the $a^3$ technology is found in the heel. Its sleek look, inspired by the basketball shoe, makes it fashionable outside of the running track. It comes in patent black leather, blue and silver.

The **Forefoot BBall** (P6,495), the shoe that Antawn Jamison of the Golden State Warriors of the Golden State Warriors endorses, is the basketball incarnation of the $a^3$. It comes in combinations of white and blue, black and silver and white and black.



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# Pregnant Reese Witherspoon finds suitable script

**WITHERSPOON. Future first lady of Hollywood.**
AFP

LONDON—When Reese Witherspoon discovered she was pregnant just weeks before she was due to start work on the set of "Vanity Fair," she didn't let her expanding waistline get in her way.

Instead, she spoke to director Mira Nair, who agreed to have a pregnancy written into the script.

Five months on, Witherspoon has a visibly swollen belly and another two months filming ahead of her.

## Neat solution

And while the rewrite has provided a neat solution to the problem of her growing girth, she has still had to use a little initiative on set.

"We've had a couple of scenes where my stomach was peeking out a bit, but we've found solutions," she said, explaining how she hid her stomach by wearing voluminous dresses and standing behind strategically placed pieces of furniture.

Witherspoon plays social climber Becky Sharp in the adaptation of William Makepeace Thackeray's classic novel, set in London in the 1820s.

It is her second foray into period drama following her role in Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" last year.

"Vanity Fair," due out in 2004, is a far cry from her latest film, "Legally Blonde II," due for release on July 2.

## Realist

While Becky Sharp is a hard-nosed realist who uses her guile to rise through London society, Elle Woods—the Californian sorority-girl-turned-lawyer in "Legally Blonde"—is a breezy, eternal optimist who never thinks badly of anyone.

"I'm having a great time playing Becky," Witherspoon said. "She's a world away from Elle Woods and for me it's a great departure. It was a natural decision for me to get as far away from American pop culture as I could."

Blonde, beautiful, articulate and funny, Witherspoon has been hailed as a future first lady of Hollywood. Still only 27, she commands the kind of multi-million dollar fees reserved for the likes of Julia Roberts.

Tennessee-born Witherspoon made her film debut aged 15 in "The Man in the Moon" and was catapulted to fame by the first "Legally Blonde" film in 2001.

## Sequel

In the sequel, Woods packs her pink suits and designer shoes and, accompanied by her beloved pet Chihuahua Bruiser, heads to Washington to fight for animal rights.

And next? Where does Elle Woods go from here? "Marc Platt, the producer, thought it would very funny to have Elle in London, having to go up to the bar

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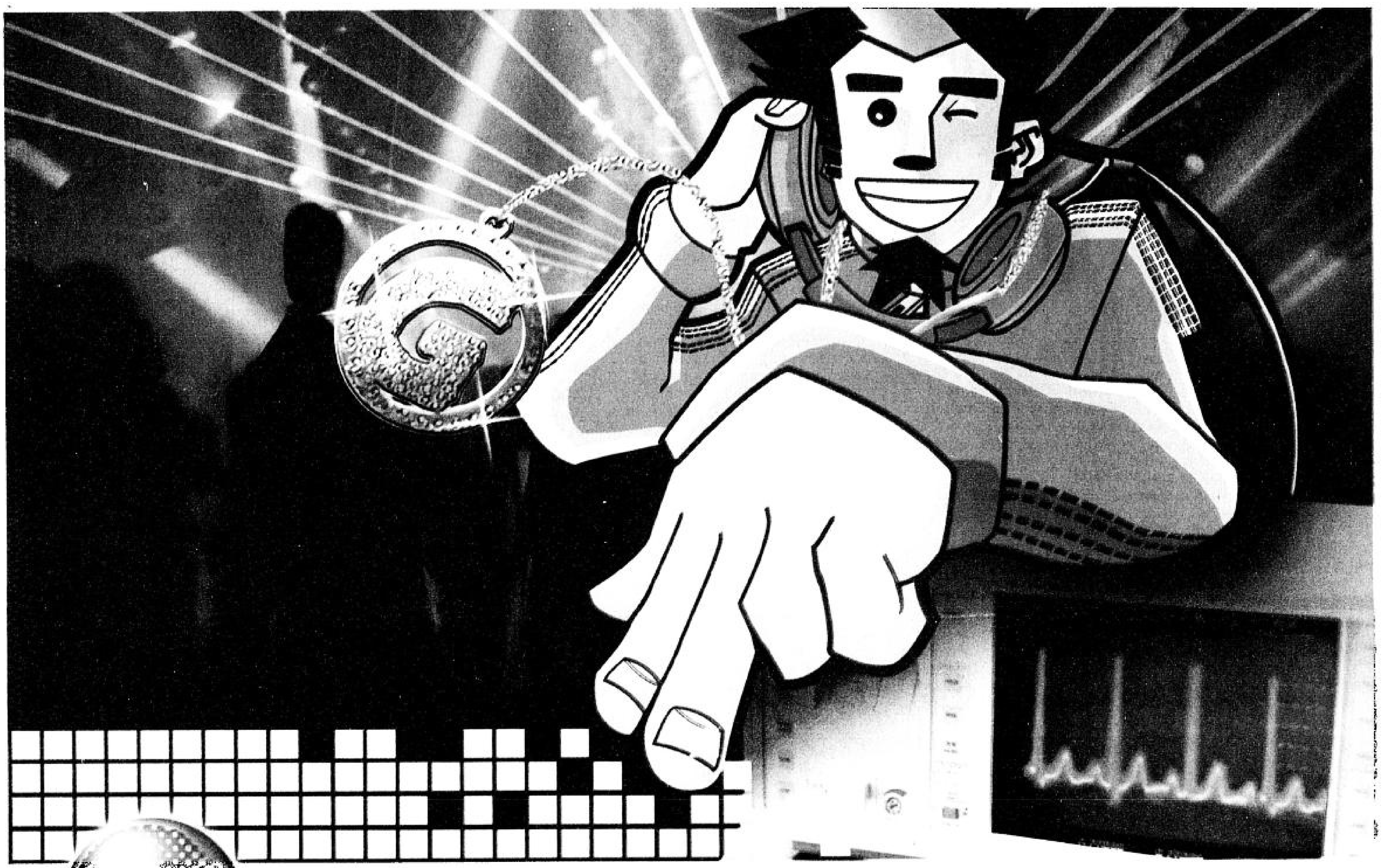

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# 'It Runs in the Family' pays tribute to Douglas clan patriarch

**By Nestor U. Torre**

WHEN Kirk Douglas was a popular film star, he acted mostly in action and adventure movies. Little did anyone expect that the beefy actor with the great, big smile and signature deep "dimple" in his chin would end up as the patriarch of one of the most respected clans in Hollywood.

## Producer

Kirk's son, Michael, is not only an award-winning actor but also an intrepid producer. After Kirk had a stroke and was paralyzed for months, it was Michael who focused his father's will on a full recovery, which he pretty much has managed, except for his slurred speech.

But that minor disability hasn't dissuaded Kirk from agreeing to make a film with Michael, his wife Diana, his grandson Cameron, and other relatives and close friends.

Titled "It Runs in the Family," the small but powerful production may be seen as the Douglas clan's tribute to its patriarch, whose indomitable will in the face of great difficulties has inspired all of them to similarly do their best in the industry that he's loved so much for so long.

## Lead actor

Mounting a successful and effective film tribute isn't easy, especially when your lead actor is in his 70s. But director Frank Schepisi has sensitively and dynamically put "the Douglas family of actors," plus Bernadette Peters (as Michael's wife) and Kieran Culkin (as his younger son), through their paces, and come up with a winner.

In the film, the Douglases play members of a fractured and fractious family that falls into bad times when its loving matriarch (Diana Douglas) dies. All these years, she has kept the family together despite the stubborn irrascibility and contentiousness of its menfolk.

## Adrift

Her death leaves them shaky and adrift, but it also has the positive effect of forcing them to finally confront the old, festering grievances that have sundered their family for decades.

Another low blow rocks the family when Michael's wife suspects him of having a hot affair. Despite his frantic protestations, she kicks him out of their bed—but thankfully, not out their home.

Thus, like his father, Michael's character also finds himself chillingly alone. This provides another impetus for them to finally attempt a belated rapproachment, not matter how messy it may be.

Aside from Kirk and Michael, the two males belonging to the family's third generation have their share of problems. Cameron, the college senior, is a lousy student—and a drug dealer, to boot! As for the youngest, Kieran, he's still a kid but is growing up too fast for even his galloping adolescent hormones to catch up with him.

## Unforgettable day

Everything comes to a head one unforgettable day, when Kieran gets his first kiss, Cameron gets busted, and Kirk and Michael place the body of Kirk's brother in a small boat that they set adrift in a lake. They then set fire to it, creating a funeral pyre weirdly reminiscent of a Viking funeral!

Still, everything seems to be worth it, since the formerly combative relatives finally become a real family.

—Well, at last!

"It Runs in the Family" is showing only in a couple of theaters and may vanish from view before you know it, so try to see it right away. It's a dynamic, eventful family drama that shows that talent is alive and well through all three generations of the Douglas clan.

It's an inspiring film that encourages viewers to similarly reach out to the members of their own families. With the Douglases showing the way, how can we fail?

KIRK Douglas (left) gets a kiss from his son, Michael as they arrive for the premiere of their new film. REUTERS

# Gina Alajar reinvents herself

**By Archie Liao**

GINA Alajar is a phenomenon in motion. Her name is synonymous to consummate artistry. One of the most awarded actresses of our time, she has limned unforgettable performances in such classics as "Salome," "Brutal," "Moral," and "Kapit sa Patalim."

After starring in more than a hundred movies, Gina Alajar now embraces new territory: directing for TV.

## Tempting offers

"Directing was not really an obsession for me. I just tried it out as second unit director for ABS-CBN's 'Esperanza' and enjoyed the experience. Then came a lot of tempting offers like 'Del Tierro,' 'Kirara' and some telemovies," she recalls. *"Kapag kasi artista ka, wala ka nang ibang patutunguhan,* so I said to myself, why not try directing for a change? And so far, I have had no regrets. It has helped me evolve as an artist."

Currently, she is busy directing two drama series for GMA-7, TAPE's "Hawak Ko ang Langit," and the station-produced "Narito ang Puso Ko" which she co-megs with Eric Quizon.

"Hawak Ko ang Langit" stars Assunta De Rossi, Jomari Yllana and Jao Mapa. It tells the story of a rape victim who exacts revenge on the men who have made her life miserable."

**ALAJAR.** Still in the process of discovering her true directorial voice.

## Search

"Narito ang Puso Ko" is about the painful search of a rich matriarch for her missing heiress.

Alajar sets high standards of professionalism for her actors by coming to the set prepared and on time.

"There are directors who believe that actors should be completely submissive to them. Others greatly rely on their actors to be their active collaborators. I place myself midway between these two extremes, guiding and not dictating to my actors," she intones.

Prior to a shoot, she rehearses her actors extensively and consults with key members of the production crew.

## Amateurs

"In the case of actors who are veteran performers, I trust their instincts most of the time. To date, I haven't encountered any major problem with them. With amateurs, *kung may kulang pa, talagang pinipiga ko sila.*

"I am also particular about script quality. I want the storytelling to be as natural and fluid as possible," she asserts. "Although there are conventional plots in a melodrama, I try to inject realism and logic in the stories we present. Believability is important when it comes to plots and characters. *Yung hindi nakakabobo sa mga* viewers. It's as if your characters are alive and you aren't pushing them around, but following them."

As a filmmaker, Alajar says she's still in the process of discovering her true voice.

"No particular style yet. Influences? *Samut-sari,* the sum of all the influences of the directors I have worked with, like Lino Brocka, Mel Chionglo, Gil Portes, Marilou Diaz-Abaya, Ishmael Bernal and Laurice Guillen," she avers. "I like the way they motivate their actors. *Yung malinaw kung ano ang gusto nilang ibigay ng mga artista sa bawat eksena."*

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# Oh, Danny Boy!

(Conclusion)

**FACE TO FACE**

*Inday Badiday*

HONESTLY, Clara, I still have a difficult time trying to understand what happened to Danny Holmsen. From what I gathered from Paterno, Danny's carpenter-friend who frequented his place just to chat, Danny lived alone in his pad in Harvard st., Cubao, QC, except for two utility boys who did household chores and errands for him.

## Concern

Two Saturdays ago, Danny texted him several times expressing concern that Norman, who had been with him for quite a time already, left home and hadn't returned yet. The following day, Paterno visited Danny and found Norman already there. The other boy, who'd been in Danny's employ for barely two weeks, was also there.

Danny asked Paterno to help him find another utility boy he could hire because the new boy was saying he didn't want to stay long because he wanted to go abroad to work. Paterno left Danny at around 6 p.m. that Sunday.

The following day, he went back to the house to find Danny and Norman both dead. The new boy, who was nowhere to be found, was the logical suspect. Danny's cell phone was gone. And there was no money in the house.

Capt. Inocentes Dalit, 82, Danny's uncle, was at the wake. From him we learned that Danny's mom was Luisa Dalit, and he had a Norwegian dad, Tobin Holmsen. He had many siblings, especially since his mom remarried, but they all live abroad. Danny was the only one left here.

## Great loss

Danny had a rare musical gift. He's such a great loss—such a pity that today's generation shall no longer know his kind of music. Such a pity, too, that he never got to finish what he called the final overture of his career: he dreamed of composing it and staging it as a concert, with his favorite singers like Pilita Corrales giving life to his music.

Last Tuesday, Danny was laid to rest. Here's hoping that he has found the rest that he prized so dearly in his life. Oh, Danny Boy! You were already on your seventh lap but you could have been good for another 10, or even more. I shall miss you even as I know that your memory shall forever be in my mind.

How I wish you never left the Sampaguita compound . . .

**HOLMSEN.** Rare musical gift.

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## Wisdom

Such sages speak with great wisdom because they have experienced and realized knowledge as it is. They never put forward speculations of the mind because they have received pure, untainted truth from the source of all wisdom—the Supreme Being.

Due to the purity of their surrendered hearts, these sages have become most pleasing and dear to the Lord. The Supreme Person explains in the Bhagavadgita the wonderful nature of such holy personalities:

## Kind friend

"One who is not envious but who is a kind friend to all living entities, who does not think himself a proprietor, who is free from false ego and equal both in happiness and distress, who is always satisfied and engaged in devotional service with determination and whose mind and intelligence are in agreement with Me—he is very dear to Me." 12.13-14

"He for whom no one is put into difficulty and who is not disturbed by anxiety, who is steady in happiness and distress, is very dear to Me. A devotee who is not dependent on the ordinary course of activities, who is pure, expert, without cares, free from all pains, and who does not strive for some result, is very dear to Me." 12.15-16

"He who follows the imperishable path of devotional service and who completely engages himself with faith, making Me the supreme goal, is very, very dear to Me." 12.20

Sincere souls who are tired of the miseries in this material dimension are always seeking for a true leader and compassionate teacher who will show them the way to go back home. The Supreme Lord tells us the qualities and character of His genuine representatives. With humility in our hearts, we must pray to the Lord to give us the vision by which we may recognize such holy personalities, and to bless us with the determination and humility to follow in their footsteps.

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# Pregnant Reese Witherspoon . . .

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with all the barristers," Witherspoon says when asked about the possibility of a "Legally Blonde III." "Europe is the next big world to conquer. Elle's conquered America. It's time to conquer the globe!" That would be home from home for Witherspoon.

She spent several years in Germany as a young child, is a regular visitor to Britain and has Scottish roots. One of her ancestors, John Witherspoon, was the only Scot to sign the American Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Witherspoon helped with the production of "Legally Blonde II" and says she enjoys working behind the camera.

"I'm interested in directing too . . . but probably a little further down the line," she said.

## Difficult

"It's difficult when you've got little children to look after," said Witherspoon, who has a three-year-old daughter with Hollywood husband Ryan Phillippe.

Recently named by People Magazine as one of the world's 50 most beautiful celebrities, Witherspoon—like Elle Woods—is keen to stress she is more than just a pretty face.

"If all your career is based on how you look, then there's bound to come a point when that fades," she said.

"Being a great actor or a funny actor is something that stands the test of time."

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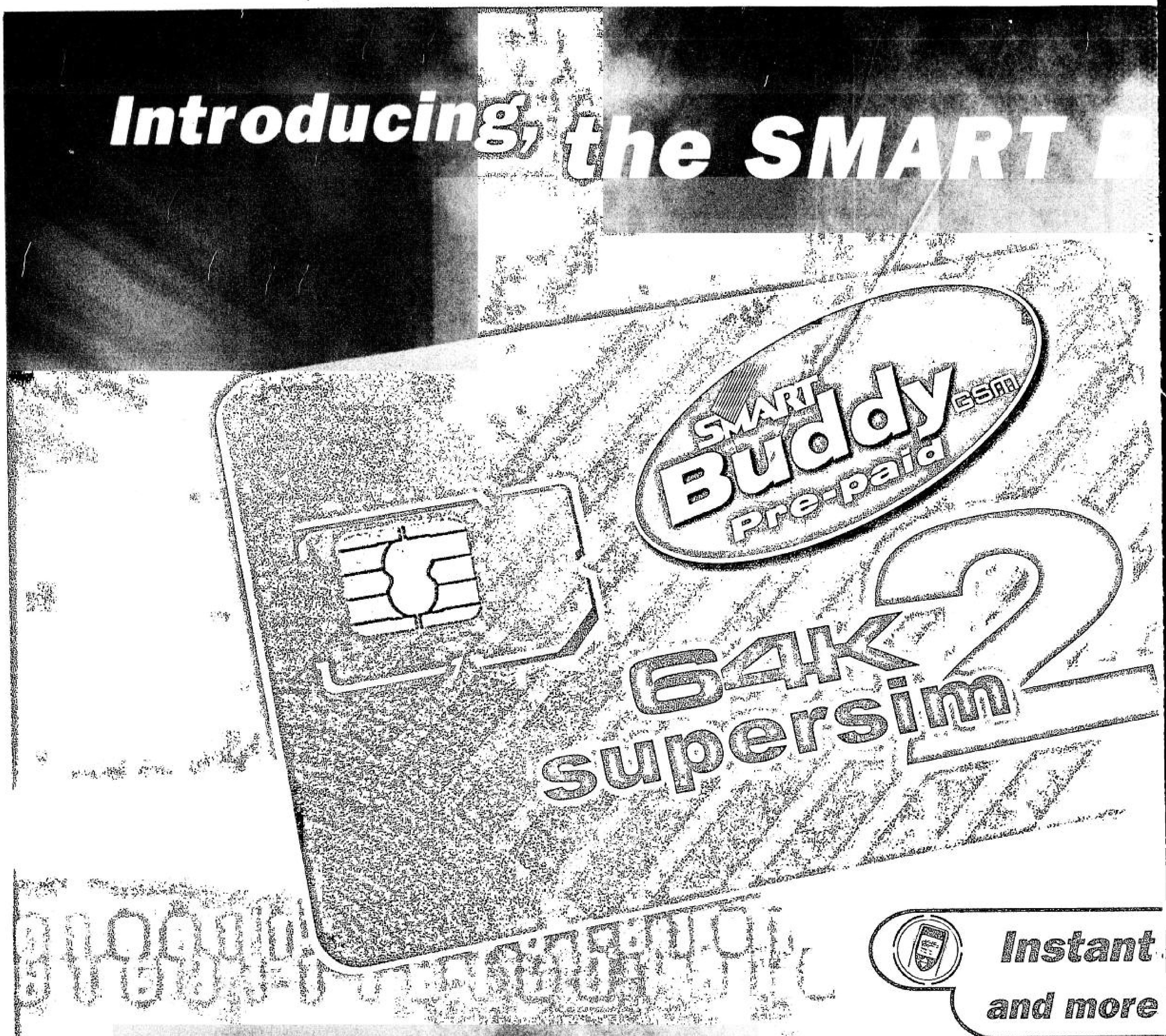
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# Jennifer Lopez to play bride with in-law problems

**LOPEZ.** Hopes her third marriage will work.

LOS ANGELES—Actress and singer Jennifer Lopez is negotiating a film role as a young woman with marital difficulties, a theme she has faced in real life, Variety said Monday.

## Perfect man

If it pans out, "Monster in Law," by New Line Cinema, would star the beauty from the Bronx who finds the perfect man to marry, but whose future mother-in-law does everything possible to prevent it.

New Line bought Anya Kochoff's script for $1.3 million earlier this year, Variety said.

In real life, Lopez does not have such formidable obstacles between her and her fiance, actor Ben Affleck, although they have not set a wedding date.

The couple met about a year ago during the filming of "Gigli," to premiere in July.

## Third try

She hopes that the third try will work, after two failed marriages.

The first, with Cuban Ojani Noa, ended in divorce after a year in 1998. She married dancer Cris Judd in 2001 and separated 10 months later.

Lopez also had a long romance with rapper and entertainment mogul P. Diddy, but they never tied the knot. AFP

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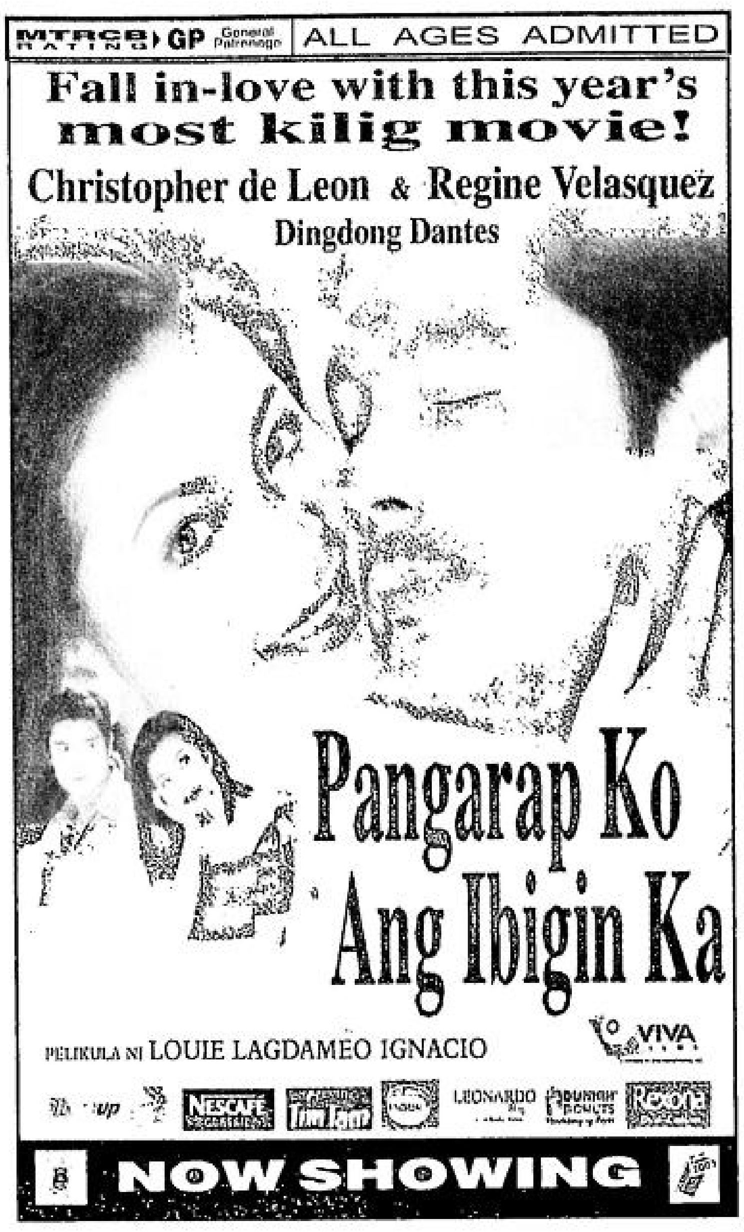
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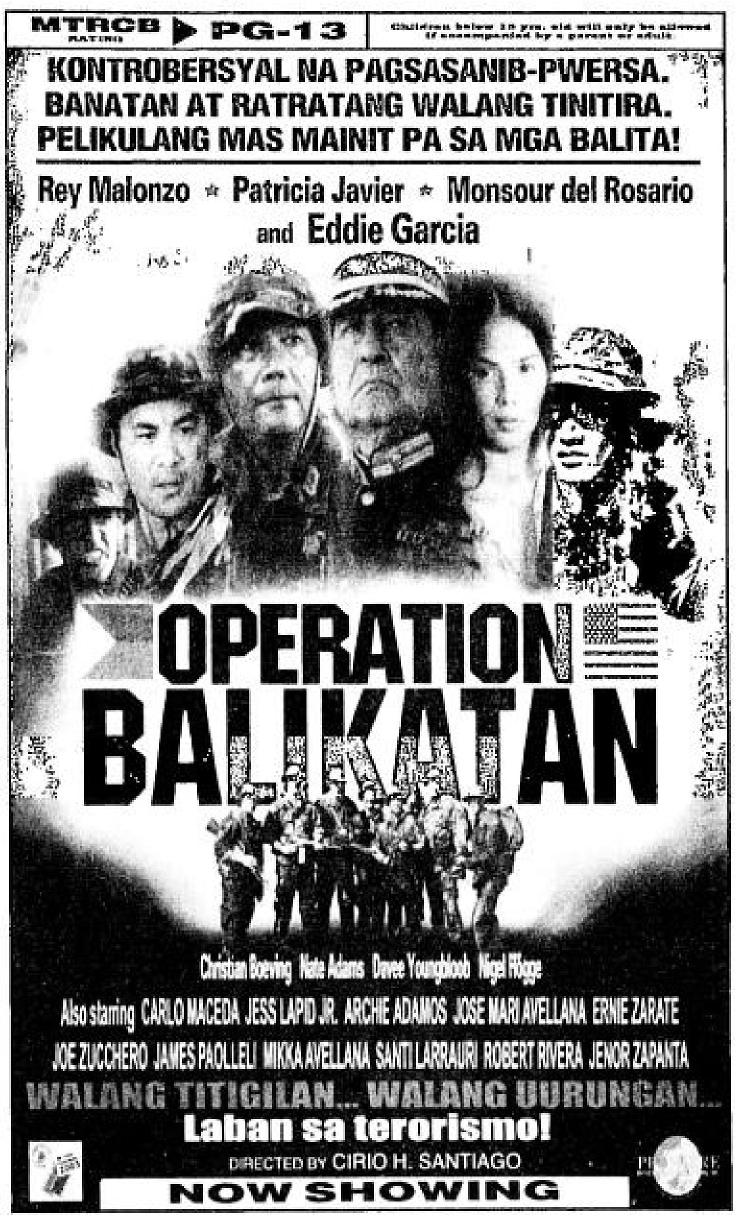
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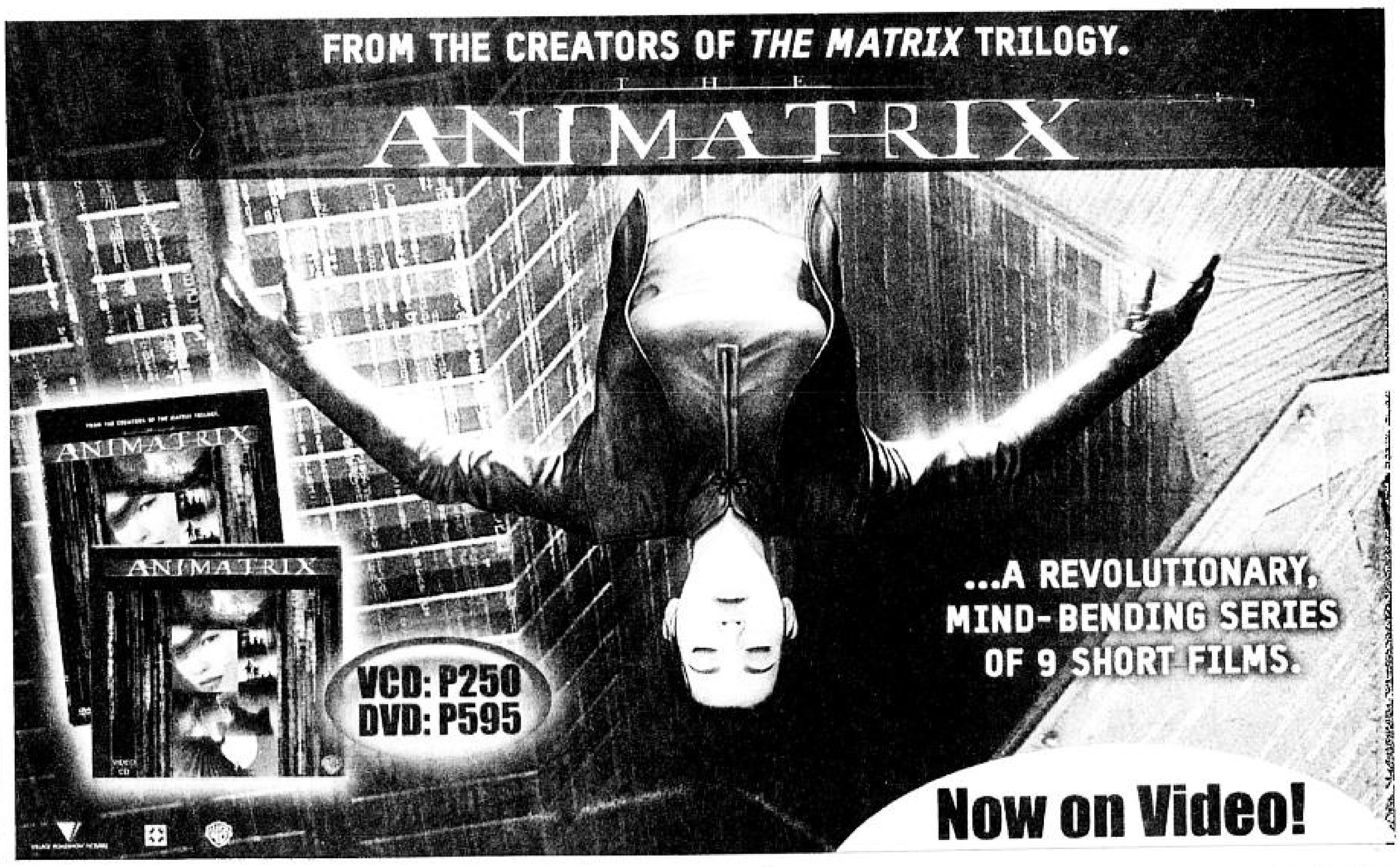
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# Tina Monzon-Palma has come full circle

**By Edmund L. Sicam**

BROADCAST veteran Tina Monzon Palma is back where she started many, many years ago when she was a deejay on dzWS. Today, she hosts a radio talk show, "Paksa," where she tackles socio-cultural- political issues that concern the family, women and children, It airs weekdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on dzMM.

## Project director

The show complements Tina's work as Project Director for Bantay Bata. To provide a more wholistic presentation of the issues, dzMM invites counselors from the Center for Family Ministries (Cefam) to help discuss and prepare the different topics each week. Listeners are also invited to call in or text their questions for the show's guest panelists to answer.

**MONZON-PALMA.** Noontime show on family issues.

Tina usually invites panelists with different points of view on the topic up for discussion. In the end, it is the individual listener who decides what makes the most sense. Like a true newsperson, Tina does not tell her listeners what her preferences are.

Tina recalls her younger years as a radio disc jockey. "I was just emceeing, I played classical music, Broadway songs and light instrumentals. Easy listening."

## Television

Then Tina moved to the television screen, starting as a weather girl. Those were the days when the task of reporting hard news was not given to women because they were not viewed as credible. Tina was one of the first women to break this stereotype. However, she did not stay long as a weather girl.

"I didn't work for a while. Then one of my friends, who was with Channel 7, told me they were looking for a girl to do the stock market segment and the weather. Bong Lapira was the news anchor.

"So I said 'You know, if I'm gonna do the stock market, take me to the stock market. I'm not just gonna read it, I don't understand the stock market! So I went there and took a crash course. I was talking to all of these guys who are in the stock market now, *'yung mga* blue boys, I stayed there the whole morning from the time it opened until it would close."

## Retirement

Then she made her way to newscasting until she became one of the most credible anchors in the business. She stayed with GMA Network for 15 years, then with Channel 5 for five years. At that point, she decided to go into retirement.

But her retirement lasted for only six months because Gina Lopez of the ABS-CBN Foundation asked her to help her out with the Bantay Bata Foundation. Tina agreed. Then one thing led to another, until she found herself anchoring the evening news, having her own television talk show, and now, the radio show.

But Tina does not seem to have any regrets about ending her retirement. She still enjoys being part of the news team!

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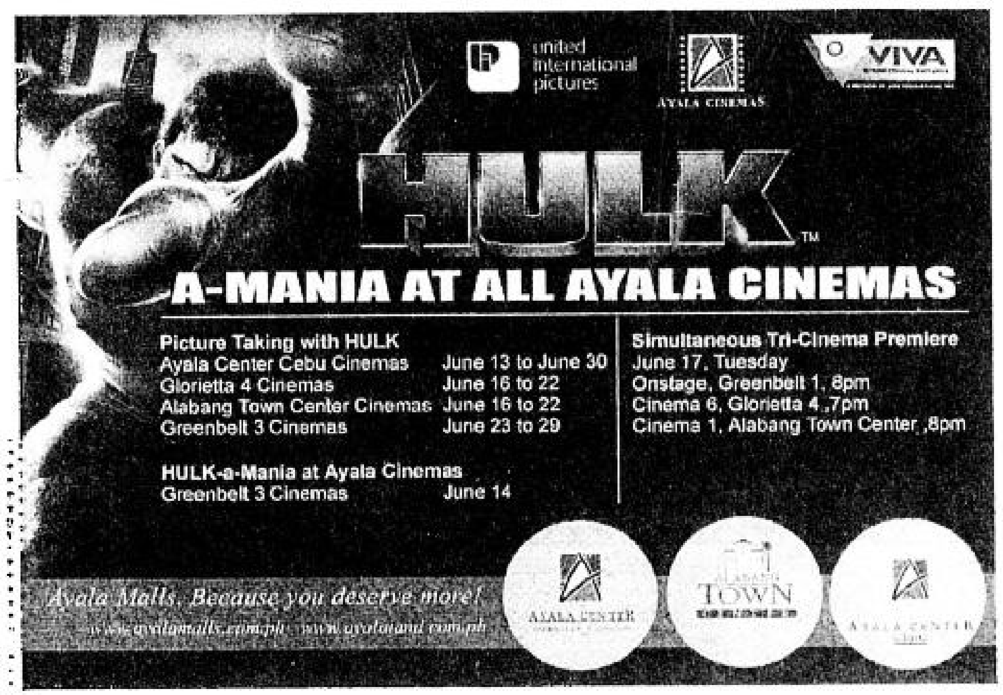
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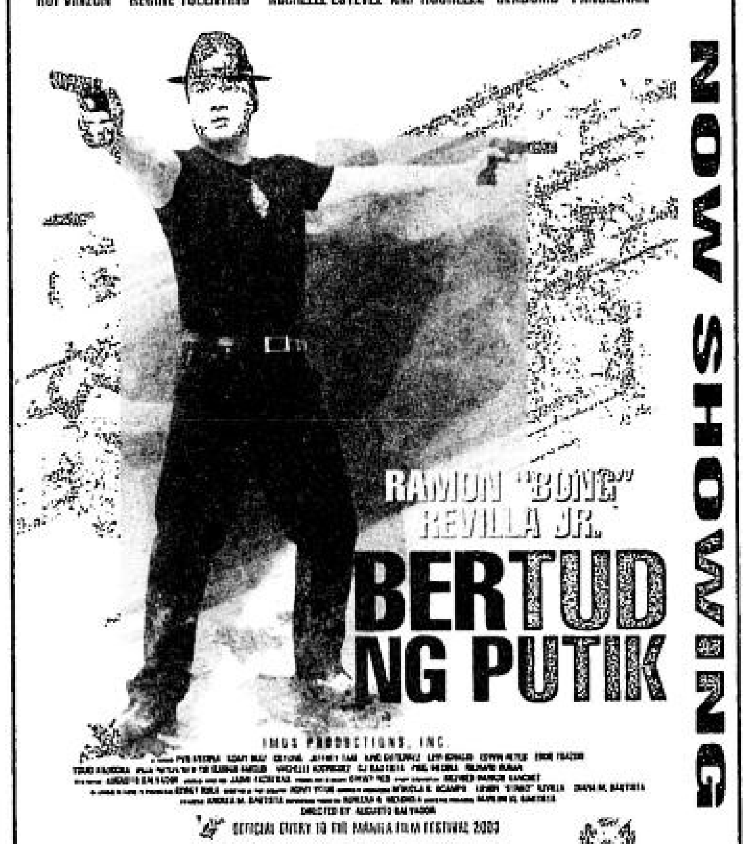
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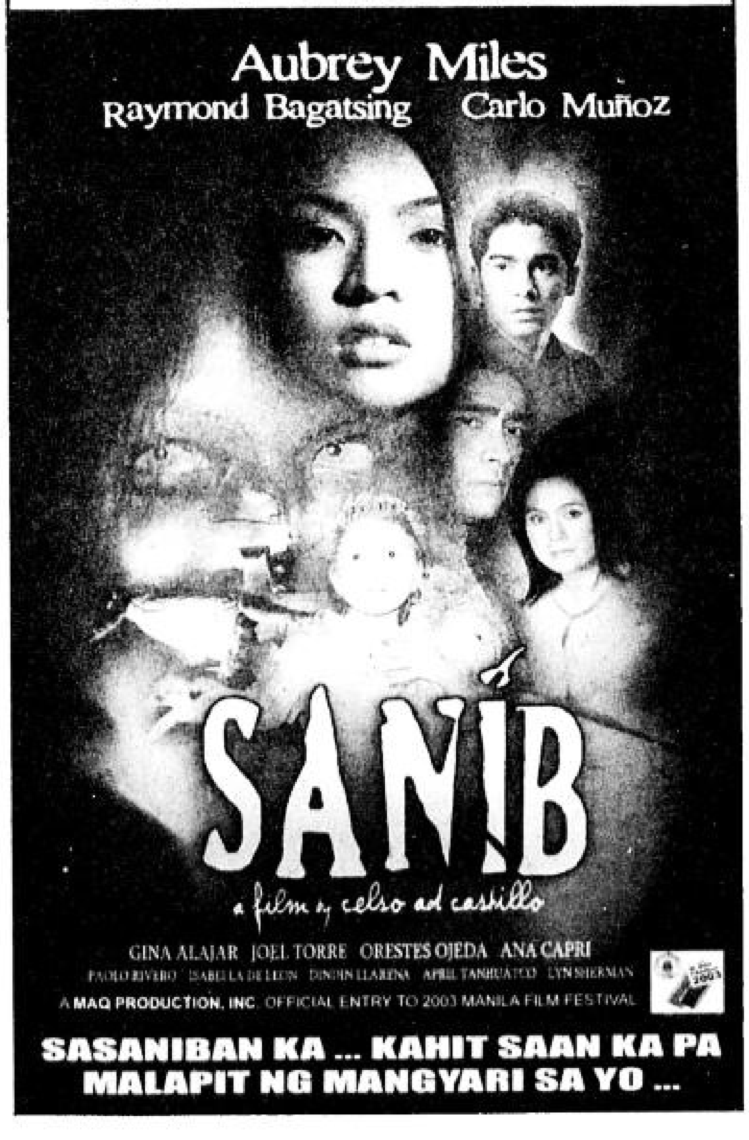
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# Televiewers take sides on 'Meteor Garden'

By Nestor U. Torre

"METEOR GARDEN." Doing very well in the ratings game.

WHEN the Taiwanese youth drama series, "Meteor Garden," was about to be launched on Channel 2, fears were expressed by some media observers that the show wouldn't click with Filipino viewers because its characters weren't Caucasians.

## Boy band

On the other hand, it was more positively observed that the new series would in fact do well locally since it featured the members of a fave boy band, F4; its Asian characters would be easier for young viewers here to empathize with, and its "live animé" production and performance style jibed with current TV fads.

Well, it turns out that the show's early boosters were right, because "Meteor Garden" is doing very well in local TV ratings. Its success has even prompted Channel 7 to launch its own Asian soap, "My MVP Valentine."

## Questions

Recently, however, some nay-sayers have raised questions about "Meteor Garden" and its potentially negative effect on young viewers. This criticism has been countered by fans of the series, but with such vehemence that the issues have been blurred. More objective fans and critics of the show state their respective arguments with less distracting hue and cry:

The nay-sayers complain that the show's "heroes" are bullies and ruffians, not exactly the best role models for teenagers. The F4 play brusque characters who push people around, including the show's lead female, San Cai.

## Materialistic attitude

Some people criticize her parents for their materialistic attitude, which they try to pass on to their daughter.

Finally, the show sets a bad example for young people because its teen leads concern themselves with trivial matters, keep getting into trouble, and don't lead productive lives.

On the other hand, young viewers who like watching the show point out that, while some of those observations are valid, televiewers know that the story being told is fictional, so they aren't about to pattern their lives on the TV characters' more colorful existence. In other words, it's only a TV show, so don't get so het up about it!

In fact, "Meteor Garden" presents some good role models for teenagers—especially its female characters, who are dynamic instead of sweetly passive, and give as much as they take.

## Less florid

Its animé-style presentation is also less florid and more focused than local soaps. If "Meteor Garden" is able to sustain its popularity, it could eventually affect local soap performance and production styles in a positive way, by toning down on their ornate settings, florid performances, long-winded dialogue, and convoluted plotting.

What do *you* think?

# Gina . . .

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## Rewards

Through the years, she has learned to stop procrastinating. She also considers the rewards of achievement as sweeter than the rewards of self-indulgence.

Her dream movie?

"I want to make a movie about relationships, probably a family drama or a love story. I love character-driven rather than plot-based stories. Given a choice, I prefer experimental to formulaic movies. I would be happy tackling realism, be it neo, social or magic!"

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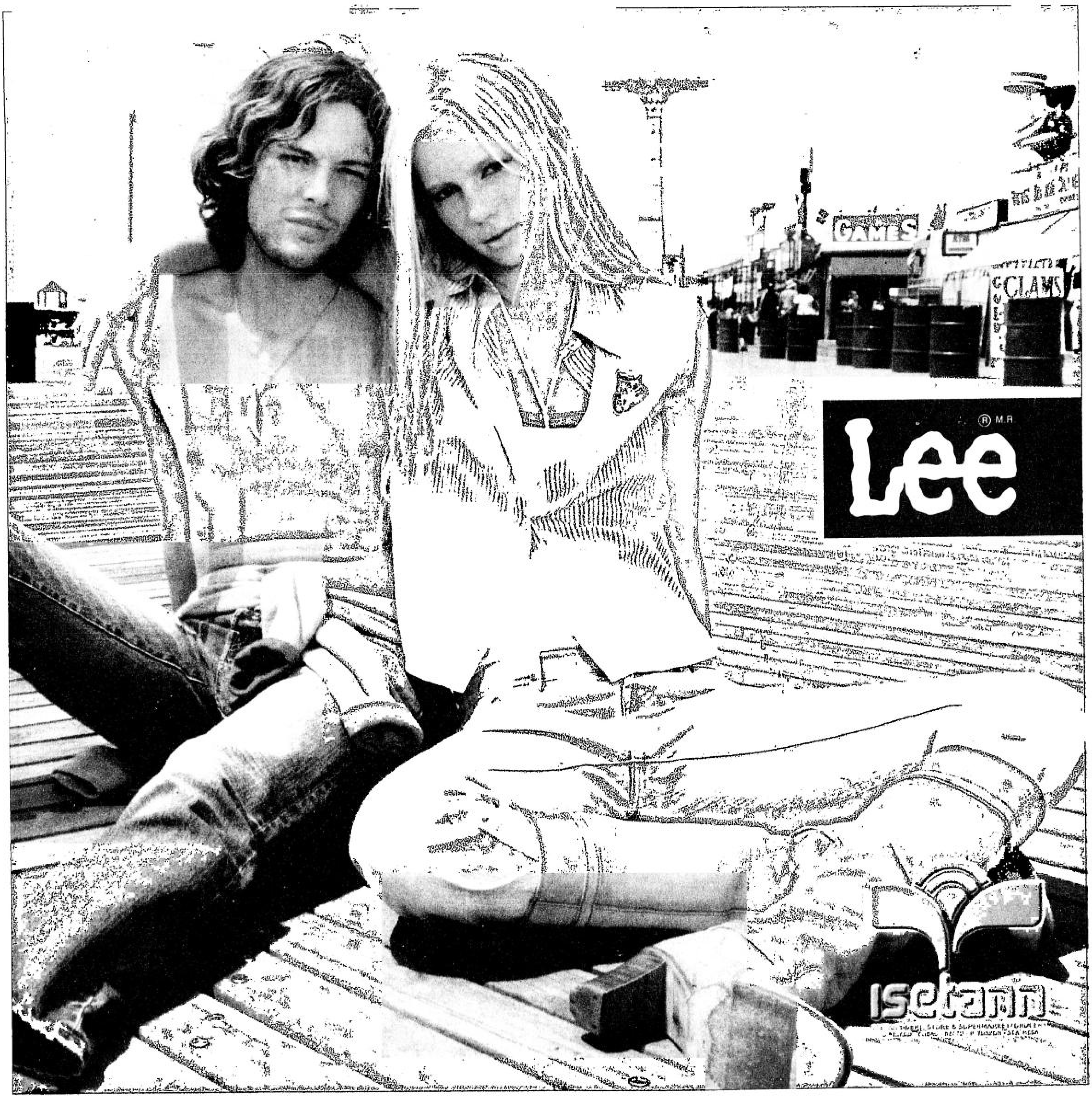

## SATURDAY Special

# Frank Sinatra is still the man of the moment

SINATRA. The chairman of attitude.

NEW YORK—As improbable as it may sound, Frank Sinatra is still the man of the moment.

Sixty-four years after he became a star and five years after his death, Ol' Blue Eyes is everywhere:

### Multimedia show

—On Tuesday, New York's Radio City Music Hall announced that a multimedia show featuring Sinatra on huge screens, live musicians and a gospel choir will premiere in October. Hart Sharp Video also issued a new DVD—a compilation of duets, mostly from his late 1950s TV series and specials.

—Last week, Sinatra's longtime valet published his memoir. A suburban New York public broadcast station drew big pledge money with a special featuring a Sinatra sound-alike. And New York's Metropolitan Repertory Ballet performed a tribute to Sinatra that it hopes to take on the road and bring to television.

Why all this ring-a-ding-ding, now, about The Voice?

### Record sales

His youngest daughter, Tina, noted that his record sales are as high as they've ever been.

"He's a part of our culture," she said, standing in Radio City's foyer Tuesday. "It isn't that he's reinvented, it's that the generations have passed him on."

Seth Abraham, president of Madison Square Garden and Radio City Entertainment, noted that the show—"Sinatra: His Voice, His World, His Way"—marks Sinatra's 13th time at Radio City (in some form) including five concerts and seven movie premieres.

A tearful Tina said: "I know, he knows that we're here."

Hart Sharp Video's "Sinatra: The Classic Duets" spotlights Sinatra singing with Elvis Presley, Ella Fitzgerald, Dean Martin, Bing Crosby and others.

While it might seem that Sinatra, a legendary comeback kid, is making a posthumous comeback, Hart Sharp President Joe Amodei disagrees.

### Continuation

"I don't look at it as a resurgence. I look at it as a continuation of the popularity that he enjoyed while he was still alive," Amodei said in a phone interview. "I think it's the music and the aura of the man that keeps it all alive—like Elvis and the Beatles."

"Mr. S: My Life With Frank Sinatra" by valet George Jacobs was an amazing 80th on amazon.com's Tuesday sales ranking, a week after hitting bookstores. It's a respectful rendering of Sinatra, even though he fired Jacobs in a jealous rage in 1968.

Cary Hoffman, a vocal doppelganger whose TV program "My Sinatra" aired during a pledge drive last week, has "a lot of theories" about Sinatra's enduring appeal.

"One thing is it's a backlash against no melodies (in today's songs)," said Hoffman, whose show pulled in enough money June 3 to warrant a primetime rebroadcast. "Also people want to have a romantic feeling from songs."

Another reason is that when Sinatra fell ill about seven years ago, young people started to listen to his songs on the Internet and got turned on to him..

### Comedy club

"I'm very respectful of what he did for me and that he gave America guts," said Hoffman, who's been in show business all his life and owns the comedy club Stand-Up New York. "He made people see they can do what they want to do, and be what they want to be."

Even rock 'n' roll stars, as U2's Bono said in an intense, irreverent tribute to Sinatra at the 1994 Grammy Awards.

"He has what we want: swagger and attitude. He's big on attitude, serious on attitude, bad attitude," Bono said. "Frank's the chairman of attitude."

The same can be said today about hip-hop stars. Is there any mistaking that Eminem is as much about attitude as he is about music?

"He was the quintessential bad boy of popular culture. Elvis and John Lennon and Johnny Rotten and P. Diddy and Eminem—they all owe part of their style to Frank," McAnuff said. "He was tearing up hotel rooms before some of them were born."

But in trying to figure out why Sinatra still matters, an answer can be found in Pete Hamill's slim 1998 tome, "Why Sinatra Matters," published shortly after "Swoonatra" died at age 82:

"In the end, it is of minor interest that Lord Byron swam the Hellespont, that Andre Malraux flew in combat during the Spanish Civil War, or that Ernest Hemingway shot lions in Africa. In the end, only the work matters. Sinatra's finest work was making music." *AP*

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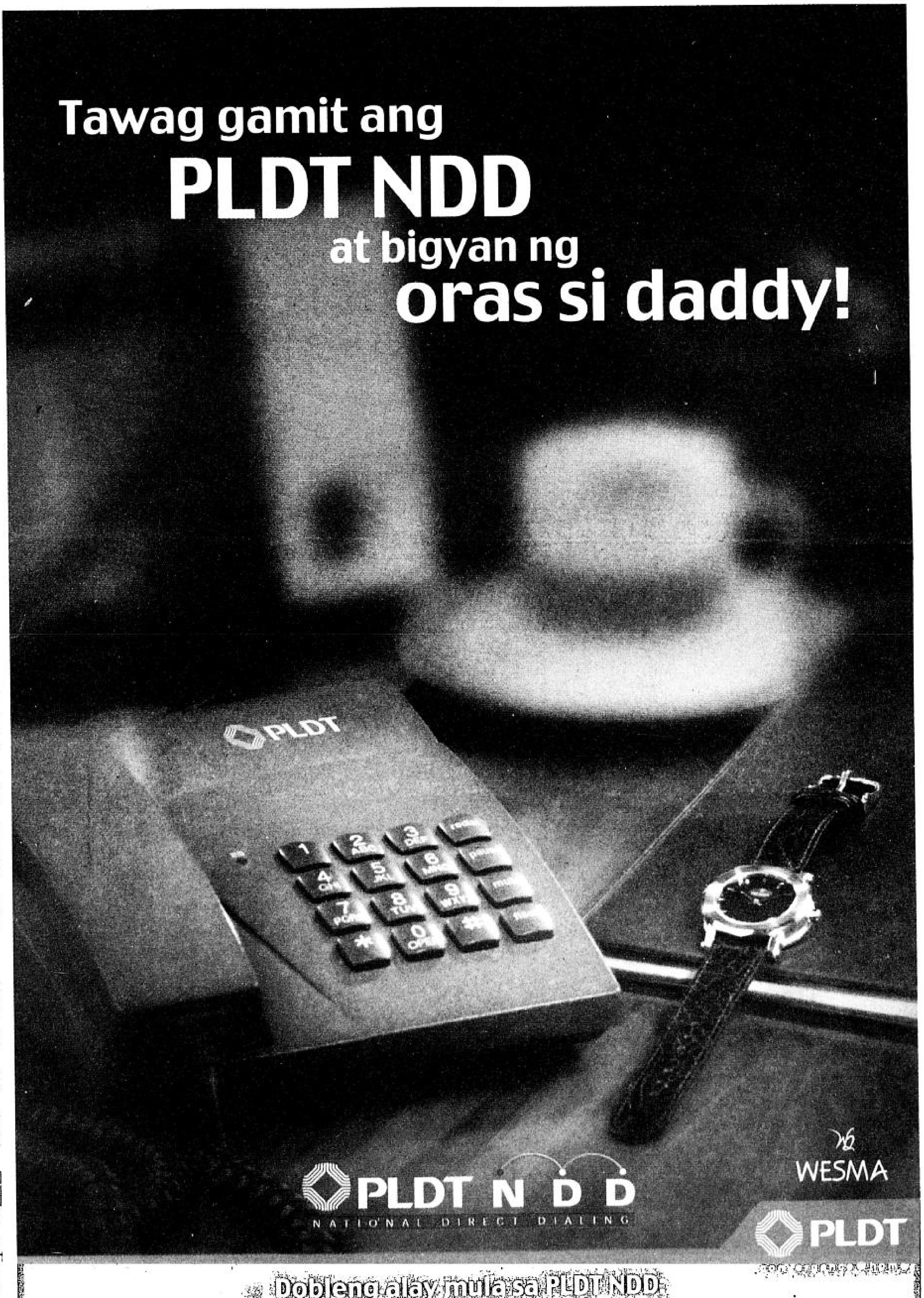

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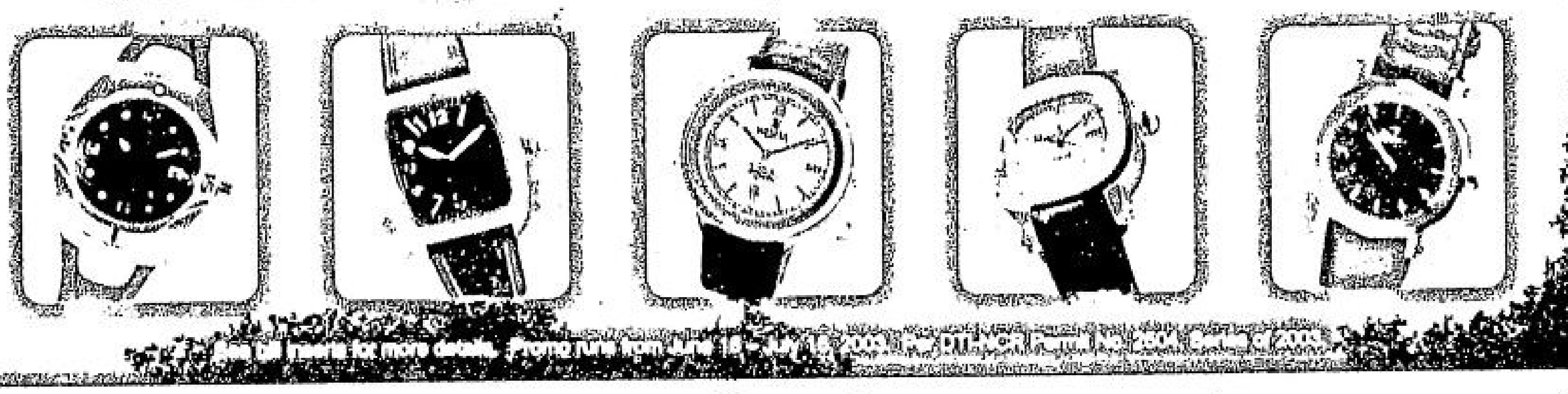

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# 'Buttercup' lacks genuine insights into young adults' lives

**By Nestor U. Torre**

WE were finally able to catch up with "Buttercup," ABS-CBN's new weekly continuing drama series, last Saturday. We found the show's second installment appealing and attention-calling because it was about young adults trying to find themselves and get their priorities straight in today's complex and confounding world.

## Young comers

Its star value also helped. After all, when you get a show with young comers like Claudine Barretto, Assunta de Rossi, Diether Ocampo, Piolo Pascual and Onemig Bondoc in its stellar cast, you pay attention.

After a diverting while, however, it became clear that the show's strength didn't lie in its performances. The young stars gave their roles everything they had in terms of energy and involvement, but it wasn't enough. Their performances were breezy and colorful, but not all that insightful.

We tried to figure out why this was so, and we came to the conclusion that the main problem was the show's limited and thus limiting ambition.

## Friends

While it purported to dig deep into the lives of the members of a close-knit group of friends, it did so from a relatively shallow melodramatic point of view, rather than from a truly dynamic and insightfully dramatic one.

Thus, big problems were tackled—Claudine discovers that she could have been adopted, Onemig's character has to admit to being gay, Piolo loves Claudine but she is attracted to Diether who sort of leads her on—but the emotional lessons learned were tentative instead of truly illuminating.

**"BUTTERCUP's" stellar cast needs to really get to the bottom of what makes their characters tick.**

It's clear that the script's limitations have a lot to do with this lack of genuine insights. We must point out, however, that other elements of the teleplay are deft, entertaining and with-it.

## Major issues

The same goes for the direction, which keeps the proceedings dynamic and visually eventful, as befits the series' young-adult milieu. After a while, however, the diverting storytelling is no longer enough, since the viewer is looking for a clearer, more perceptive take on the major issues the series chooses to tackle.

Inconsistencies and improbabilities also obtrude. For instance, Assunta is a club dancer, but her closest friends don't know this and think that she's a front-desk clerk at a hotel. Clearly, it would be easy for her friends to check with the hotel and discover that she doesn't work there.

## Overt attraction

Another improbability is the *barkada's* not knowing that Onemig's character is gay. It's as clear as day, especially his overt attraction to Carlos Agassi's character. Besides, his male bedmates can't be expected to piously keep his secret.

Given these scripting and directorial limitations, we must still point out that the stellar cast's work leaves a lot to be desired. The actors play types more than people, and the effect is dramatically constricting.

Agassi is too fixated on his physique to bother with genuine characterization. Pascual is unrelievedly morose and taciturn. Ciara Sotto is too consistently hyper. And the show's other young stars also need to go beyond appearances and poses, to really get to the bottom of what makes their characters tick.

# 'Superman' to fly again—or will he?

**SHOW BIZ Q & A**

*Rito P. Asilo*

OUR Q and A this week:

*From Nancy de Vera of Paco,* **"I enjoy your movie trivia. Is it true Reese Witherspoon ('Legally Blonde;' 'Sweet Home Alabama') was offered a role in 'American Pie'? Please share more about other casting changes."**

It's hard to think of our favorite movie characters portrayed by actors other than the ones who made them popular on the silver screen. Casting the right actor can mean additional millions for a movie at the tills. Or it can lead to sudden death.

## Reason

This is the reason why producers of the "Superman" movies are finding it hard to revive the franchise after Christopher Reeve donned the red and blue costume.

Tim Burton was intent on taking the helm and wanted a psychological spin on Clark Kent's life, with the equally intense Nicolas Cage as the Man of Steel.

While it is always interesting to watch Burton's darkly-spun narratives, it's hard to picture a brooding and tortured Clark Kent on the big screen. And Cage was too old for the role, so DC gave him a thumbs down, and a slew of other actors came into the picture:

First, the wholesome Josh Hartnett (he was not interested, doesn't want to wear tights) and then, to Keanu Reeves. But producers thought Keanu was too big a star.

## Too busy

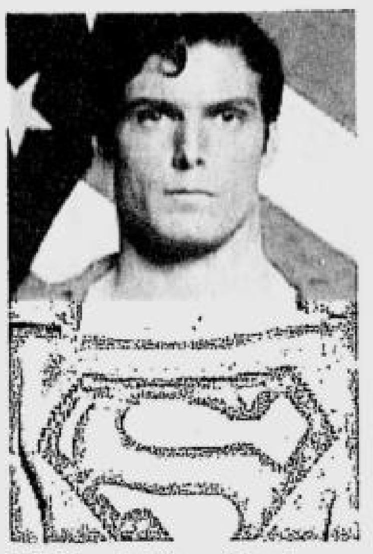
Then came Ashton Kutcher (who took forever to decide), Brendan Fraser (too busy), Jude Law (too skinny, too artsy), Jerry O'Connell (wanted to do the role a lot but when "Rush Hour" and "Red Dragon" director Brett Ratner, his mentor in college, walked, so did he), Paul Walker (much too handsome for the role), Heath Ledger (doesn't want to invest so many years on a trilogy), "Mutant X's" Victor Webster (too tall, too classy) and international model Ian Somerhalder (at 5'7", too short).

At this stage in pre-production, it looks like Matthew Bomer, a soap opera ("Guiding Light") actor who has dabbled in theater ("Spring Awakening" and as Romeo in "Romeo and Juliet") but has never done a single film, will wear Superman's red cape.

Written by "Alias" writer, JJ Abrams, the movie, "Superman: The Last Son of Krypton," will be directed by McG ("Charlie's Angels") and is scheduled for a December 2004 release.

## Campy turn

But cast changes don't have to affect a franchise's performance at the box-office. "Batman" did fairly well when Val Kilmer took over from Michael Keaton. However, the entire look of the film took a campy turn when George Clooney (who was not bad, physically, for the role) replaced Kilmer. Obviously, Tim Burton's vision is galaxies away from Joel Schumacher's.



**REEVE as the Man of Steel.**

This is also one reason why it's difficult to revive "Wonder Woman." It's hard to think of another actress who could fit the heroine's boots (or her anorexia-friendly costume, for that matter) better than Lynda Carter did.

On television, Calista Flockhart found her place in the entertainment sun when she won the role of "Ally McBeal." But producer/writer David E. Kelley's original choice was a much heftier actress—Bridget Fonda.

As for Reese Witherspoon, she was offered the part in "American Pie," but she turned it down—no regrets.

She also turned down the leads in "Scream" and "Urban Legend," which went to Neve Campbell and Alicia Witt, respectively.

In the '70s, Frank Sinatra was offered the title role in "Dirty Harry." After he refused, it was offered to (and was refused by) John Wayne, and Paul Newman before Clint Eastwood went to town with the role.

## Enormously successful

Halle Berry and Stephen Baldwin turned down the roles of Annie and Jack, respectively, in 1994's enormously successful "Speed." Look where it got Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves!

Studio heads wanted Tommy Lee Jones for the lead in John Carpenter's futuristic action film, "Escape from New York" (1981), but Kurt Russell got the director's support.

Chris O'Donnell was originally offered the role of "J" (Will Smith's character) in "Men in Black" (1997). Now, it's hard to imagine any other actor in that role.

Finally, Robin Williams was jubilant to be offered the plum role of The Joker in the 1989 Tim Burton adaptation of "Batman," only to be told later that Jack Nicholson was cast instead. In an interview a few years later, Williams was still bitter about losing the role, saying, "I think I was used for bait to get Nicholson."

*From Sharon Bediola of Binondo,* **"I am an admirer of Cary Elwes. What movies of his should I look for?"**

The 39-year-old actor has appeared in pretty high-profile movies which are not hard to find in local video stores.

## Comedies

If you'd like to see him in comedies, look for "Robin Hood: Men in Tights" (Elwes plays Robin), "Hot Shots!" (with Charlie Sheen) and "Liar Liar" (with Jim Carrey).

SUPERMAN/ F3

### THEY WRITE THE SCRIPTS

# Raquel Villavicencio tells it like it really is

**By Rica Arevalo**

RAQUEL Villavicencio has been in the film industry as a screenwriter, production designer and actress for more than two decades.

## Grandmother

She shares, "When I was growing up in Angeles City, my maternal grandmother lived with us. One of her simple pleasures was watching Tagalog films and one of our greatest joys was when she took us with her to watch a movie at a local theater."

When she was a Communication Arts student at Maryknoll (Miriam College), she would cut classes with her *barkada* to watch movies in Cubao. Her thesis on the local film industry brought her to meet director Mike de Leon.

In 1976, she was invited to attend a one-month film workshop at LVN. Two years after the workshop, de Leon asked her to co-write "Kakabakaba Ka Ba?" (1980) with him and Doy del Mundo, who was already an established writer at that time. They went on to write two more screenplays together, "Kisapmata" (1981) and "Batch 81" (1982).

## Process

She has mellowed down and has accepted the "fate" of writers. "Through the years, I have learned the process of giving and taking when discussing a script with the director. I have learned to listen to suggestions, fight for my ideas, cooperate when revisions need to be done, agree to changes when necessary.

**VILLAVICENCIO. Aside from writing screenplays, she's also an actress and production designer.**

"I no longer take it personally when the producer and director ask for revisions. I no longer get offended and question my writing ability. But I still get depressed when my script gets a bad review," Villavicencio shares.

What are her writing habits? "It usually takes me three weeks to finish a screenplay, and two more weeks for revisions. If I'm enthusiastic about what I'm writing, I work on the script everyday and lose sleep over it on the last week before I submit it to the producer."

She tells aspiring writers: "It helps if you have connections with people in the industry, particularly a director who will give you a break and direct your first script, or an established writer who will allow you to co-write with him.

RAQUEL/ F3

## YOUR WEEKLY TV GUIDE FROM JUNE 14 - JUNE 20

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# Raquel Villavicencio tells it like it really is

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"Do not be discouraged if your first attempt fails. Just keep on writing, keep on pitching your ideas to directors, keep on watching local movies. Read books on how to improve your screenplays.

Attend scriptwriting workshops and join contests. A lot of times, the judges (who are from the movie industry) fall in love with a script and recommend it to producers. That script could be yours!"

## Good story

She adds, "Be a good listener and always be on the lookout for a good story. Be interested in events and stories happening around you. Cut out interesting clippings from newspapers and keep a file. It's a fact that true-to-life stories are more incredible than fiction."

Her latest project, "Ang Huling Birhen Sa Lupa," is an official entry in the ongoing Manila Film Festival. "It stemmed from a story idea I pitched to director Joel Lamangan a couple of years ago. I have always enjoyed writing stories about faith—("Makiusap sa Diyos," directed by the late Lino Brocka, is an example)."

Villavicencio is currently writing a short play on Lola Rosa Henson (the comfort woman) for ALIWW (Ateneo Library of Women's Writings).

# 'Superman'

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Drama: "Glory" (with Denzel Washington); adventure: Michael Crichton's "Twister" (with Helen Hunt).

Action: "Days of Thunder" (with Tom Cruise); suspense-thriller: "Kiss the Girls" (with Morgan Freeman); fantasy: "The Princess Bride" (with Robin Wright); art film: "Another Country" (with Hugh Grant) and the critically acclaimed indie film, "Shadow of the Vampire," with John Malkovich and Oscar-nominated Willem Dafoe.

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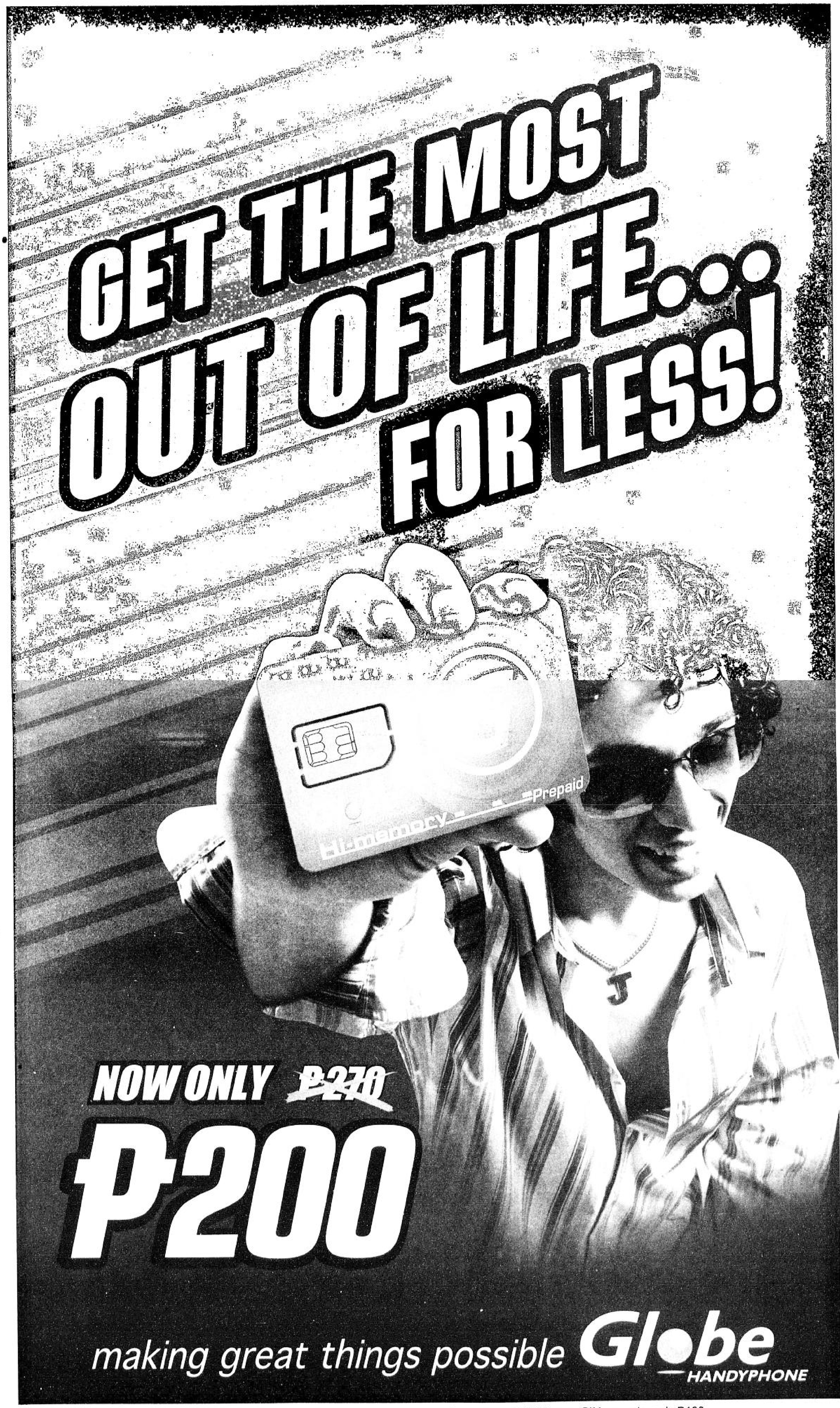
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# Norah Jones is eager to move on

**By Nekesa Mumbi Moody**

NEW YORK—As dreamlike as Norah Jones' past year has been, the folky jazz singer is ready to snap out of it.

## Summer tour

"I'm kind of anxious to do (another album) because I wanted to move on so badly," says the Grammy winner, who has started a summer tour in the United States. "Even if it's a big flop, I just want to go to the next stage, because some of the record was recorded so long ago, I just got so sick of it."

Jones seems to be in the minority with those sentiments.

"Come Away With Me," which became a surprise double-platinum sensation last year, has refused to die. The disc has hovered at or near the top of the album charts for months since her Grammy wins in February. It's now sold more than 6 million copies. And she has kicked off a summer tour in Fort Myers, Florida, playing in front of thousands of fans each night.

But she acknowledges she's more comfortable singing to a few dozen in a nightclub; that's how she's been spending her time recently, warbling country tunes with a couple of friends in a tiny New York City bar.

## Label

"There were only 50 people there, and if we had sucked, then nobody would have cared," Jones says.

"This year has been so pressurized, and every show, somebody's coming that's important, or somebody's going to write an article—'Oh no, we've got to be good.' And I need to stop thinking about that. But this summer, we're playing for like 5,000 people, and it's like, 'Oh no, that's going to be scary too!'"

Jones wasn't supposed to have that kind of pressure. "Come Away With Me," was expected to sell 100,000 copies, at best.

## Mellow jazz

But the album's mellow jazz garnered her mass appeal, especially with older listeners. Though the disc didn't have a Top 40 single, the smoky, sensual "Don't Know Why" became an underground hit, and the album's popularity kept growing—and growing. It netted a total of eight Grammys at February's ceremony, including for album of the year, producer of the year, and song and record of the year for "Don't Know Why."

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# Ms Universe 2003 is business as usual

By Noelani Torre

OKAY, we admit it, we did watch this year's Ms Universe. Yes, we know beauty pageants are outdated. And yes, we know that they objectify women, and are, therefore, sexist. But the truth of the matter is, they're still very much around—and, besides, women don't need much help in objectification, not when we do it so well ourselves!

## Self-critical

Society has never kept such a close eye on women as now, especially at our physical selves. And, unfortunately, we have become increasingly self-critical—holding up magnifying lenses to our bodies in search of flaws, buying beautifying products by the dozen, going under the cosmetic surgeon's knife, and so on.

This attitude is more prevalent in the west, to be sure, but we see signs of it in Philippine society. Nevertheless, we are still too busy working for a living to even bother about such things as an untight butt and crow's feet.

For the Ms Universe candidates, however, those are pretty strong issues, indeed—though there was nary a droopy behind or a single crow's foot in this year's bunch!

Beauty pageants are anachronisms—after all we no longer believe that a woman's worth is solely based on the way she looks, right? (*Right?*) But we still enjoy watching them anyway (for the beauties and their bloopers), so we keep viewing them—and, judging from statistics, the Ms Universe pageant is the most-watched of the lot.

## Changes

An estimated 600 million viewers tuned in to watch the contest, which was held this year in Panama. The country also hosted Ms Universe in 1986, but Panama has instituted a great deal of internal changes since then, especially after the US pulled its troops out of the Canal in 1999—changes that they were eager to show the world's tourists as they played clip after clip of safe, very tourist brochure-like scenes.

This year's winner, Amelia Vega, comes from another Latin American country, the Dominican Republic. We've long noticed that Latinas always place in international beauty contests—this year there were five in the top 15, and two of them, Ms Dominican Republic and Ms Venezuela, snapped up the top two awards.

## High school

We've also noticed that the contestants seem to be getting taller every year. Ms Vega is 6'1" (no fair, God!) and at 18, still in high school. The others weren't lagging behind, either.

You have to admit, all that height makes for some really spectacular-looking legs—which is why contestants are required to be tall, since this is first and foremost a beauty contest, regardless of the so-called intelligence-testing question and answer portion.

Ms Universe is always a pretty glamorous event; this is no Calendar Girl shebang, but a multi-million dollar industry which is co-owned by NBC and multi-millionaire Donald Trump.

For a show with women parading around in bikinis, it is quite tasteful, though we deplore their taste in performers.

Latino sensation Chayanne, whom we saw in last year's Ms World, also performed in this year's Ms Universe—and he sang/danced the same song. "Torero," which we didn't particularly like the first time, incited us to outright laughter this second time around.

The sight of a man singing nonsense in shiny leather pants and a translucent ruffled shirt is just a little absurd, don't you agree? We wonder why two beauty pageants in a row have chosen him—maybe his fee isn't that high? We just hope we won't see him again *next* year.

## Latest album

The other performers were the pop-violinist group, Bond. Music from their latest album was played throughout the pageant. They were okay, though just a tad too James Bond tart-ish looking while fiddling in their bits of fur and leather.

This year's pageant seemed to be a bit more understated than usual—most of the creations in the evening gown portion, for example, were simple and had classic lines, though not lacking in glamour, of course. Ms Japan's, however, was a bit of a surprise as it consisted of a bikini top and a long skirt. Not exactly evening gown-looking.

Nobody made any obvious mistakes in the pageant, but we had to contend with tiresome commercial breaks that lasted longer than the show itself (we timed the commer cial breaks). Everybody's milking this thing for all it's worth, so visual pleasure regardless, it's no wonder why beauty pageants are still alive and healthy to this politically correct day.

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# Jazz music clicks with Pinoy music fans

By Ronald G. Mangubat

I HAVE an eclectic taste in music. I appreciate Beethoven's sonatas, Frank Sinatra's standards, Eminem's rap, Martin Nievera's ballads, Pearl Jam's loud bangs and even Imelda Papin's songs of woe.

## Favorite

But of all the types of music, jazz is undoubtedly my favorite. When I want to relax, I simply play my favorite CDs of Michael Franks, Al Jarreau, Patti Austin, Chet Baker, Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald, David Benoit, Billie Holiday, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Sadao Watanabe, Dave Gruisin, etc.

It must have started when I was in the third grade. The first time I heard Astrud Gilberto's version of "Girl From Ipanema" and Sergio Mendes's "Pretty World," I felt like I was under a spell. Ballads make me sad. Classical pieces lull me to sleep. But jazz songs energize me. I could go from Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" to Sarah Vaughn's "Summertime," or mainstream standards like Grover Washington's "Just the Two of Us" and be swept away by their sheer instrumental diversity.

## Improvisation

Whether its pure classic, pop, ethnic, mainstream, rock or fusion, jazz's defining component, improvisation, makes the music unique, highly creative and brilliant.

There are three methods of jazz improvisation. The melodic type is when musicians use slurs, alternate notes and syncopation in order to create new melodies. The harmonic type employs chords and tone centers to inspire new soloing. The third, the "motivic" method, is when phrases and statements add to the sophistication of the musical arrangements.

This is why music experts say that no two jazz renditions are the same. If you've heard our Pinoy jazz greats like Louie Reyes, Pat Castillo, Jacqui Magno and Richard Merk scat while belting Manhattan Transfer or George Benson hits, you'll understand what I mean.

## Tickets

When I was in college, I'd scrimp on meals just to be able to save money to buy tickets for a Katindig concert. Back in those pre-Kenny G days, Boy and his brother Eddie, together with another jazz great, Eddie Munji, were considered jazz superstars.

Jazz has evolved into various cultural permutations. There's Latin, Japanese, Indian, French, German, Filipino jazz, etc. A few years ago, Ryan Cayabyab came up with an all-jazz album using Philippine ethnic instruments.

Richard Tan also did an album, "Magandang Bituin," Louie Ocampo arranged haunting versions of Filipino traditional folk music like Jose Santos' "Dalagang Pilipina" and Santiago Suarez' "Libis ng Nayon."

There are only a few radio stations that devote their airtime exclusively to jazz music, like Citilite 88.3 FM and 105.1 FM. But that's an indication that in this country of sentimental ballad lovers, there's also a place for a minority of jazz lovers.

In the '80s, the music lounge "Birdland" was the place for jazz enthusiasts to gather, jam and listen to live renditions of popular jazz songs. Today, Merk's Bar and Bistro at Greenbelt is a new hub for jazz fans where they can enjoy old and new jazz hits rendered by some of the country's best musicians. For those with a limited budget, bars like Jazz Rhythms, East St. Louis, and 10 Years After are also good places to hang around with other lovers of jazz.

## Shared

After all, jazz music is best experienced when it is shared with others. As Wynton Marsalis said in "Jazz," a film by Ken Burns, "The real power of jazz is that a group of people can come together and create, improvise art and negotiate their agendas... And that negotiation is the art."

I'd like to see the day when more young people would have a deeper appreciation for this type of music, because there is definitely more to musical entertainment than listening to Mariah Carey, Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera. Try listening to Norah Jones and you'll be amazed at how her music could grow and glow on you!

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# 'Hari sa Hari' impresses viewers in revival screening

**By Nestor U. Torre**

EDDIE Romero's "Hari sa Hari, Lahi sa Lahi" (King and Emperor) was first shown in 1987, and was screened again last June 9 at the CCP as part of the celebration of Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day. Some people fretted that the "old" movie wouldn't hold the attention of today's audience, but last Sunday's screening laid that fear to re...

## Long sea voyage

The CCP's Little Theater was full of people curious about the biggest co-production to date between the Philippines and China. Some of them were interested in the movie's dramatization of the long sea voyage to China that three Sulu kings took even before Magellan reached the Philippines.

SULU King (Vic Vargas) finally meets the Chinese Emperor in impressive welcome ceremonies.

More, however, saw viewing the film as an opportunity to get an unusually vivid period look at life in China, since the production was allowed official access to parts of that huge country that tourists don't get to see.

There were also viewers who focused on the Fil-Chinese friendship aspect not just of the June 9 event, but of the movie itself, since it was financed and filmed specifically to promote close ties between the two Asian countries.

## Eye-opener

It was an eye-opener for them to learn that Fil-Chinese ties were first established many centuries ago, first in terms of trade but later expanding into a cross-pollination of cultures that has been beneficial to both countries.

Before "Hari sa Hari" was screened, guests viewed China Story, an exhibit of photographs of the Chinese people and their culture taken by Steve Zhao. The photos featured both famous Chinese artists and ordinary people, and were particularly striking due to the commonalities underscored by this interesting juxtaposition.

## Artistic director

Cocktails followed, then everyone moved on to the Little Theater, where CCP artistic director Fernando C. Josef and Chinese Ambassador H.E Wang Chungui welcomed the many people who had taken time to view Romero's movie, some 17 years after it was filmed.

The director's remarks were illuminating and put the significant production in perspective. He praised the Chinese film people he worked with for their enthusiasm, cooperation and artistry, and declared that filming "Hari sa Hari" in China for more than five months was a major highlight of his career.

This was saying a lot, since Romero's career has been artistically eventful, as attested to by the fact that he's been honored by President Arroyo as our latest National Artist for Film and Broadcast Arts.

## Applause

When this "preview" announcement was made by Josef, the audience burst into loud and enthusiastic applause.

As "Hari sa Hari" was being screened, the audience's enthusiasm increased. Unlike many local period films that scrimp on scope and authentic detail, the production spared no expense in opening up its action to the breadth required by its story about two powerful monarchs.

The scenes filmed in China were especially vivid in their staging and visualization. Shots of the Great Wall of China, colorful welcome ceremonies, and especially the big sequences shot at the emperor's Forbidden City impressed viewers with their unusual visual splendor.

## Actuality

After the screening, a colleague suggested that "Hari sa Hari" should be shown on both Philippine and Chinese television, so more viewers will be able to enjoy its visual range and breadth. Perhaps the CCP and the Chinese embassy can work this out? It would make the ideal of Filipino-Chinese friendship an actuality for more people in our two countries.

Meanwhile, we hope that writer-director Eddie Romero will be tapped to film another important cross-cultural production abroad—and that we will again be able to tag along for that memorable trip!

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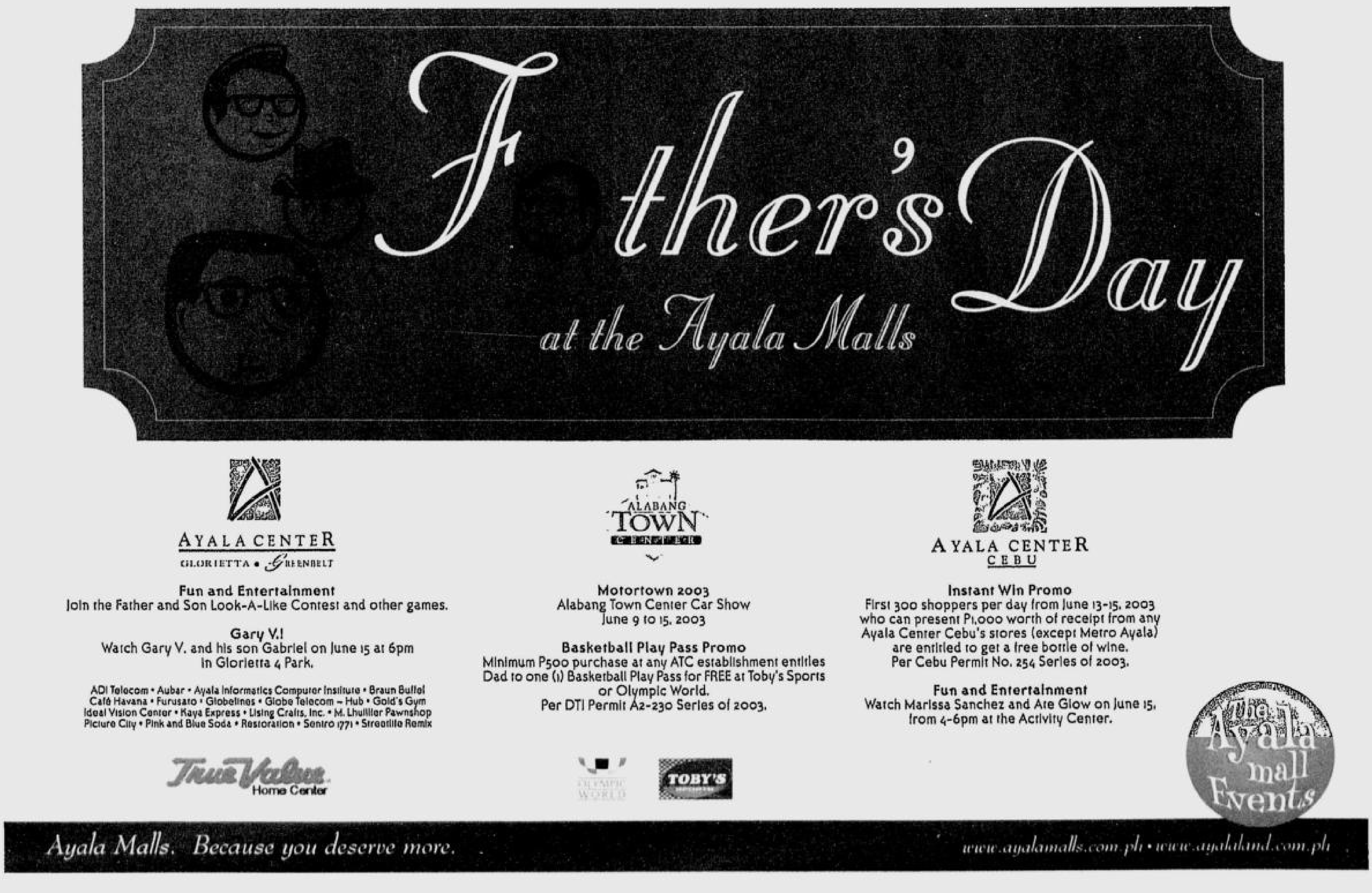

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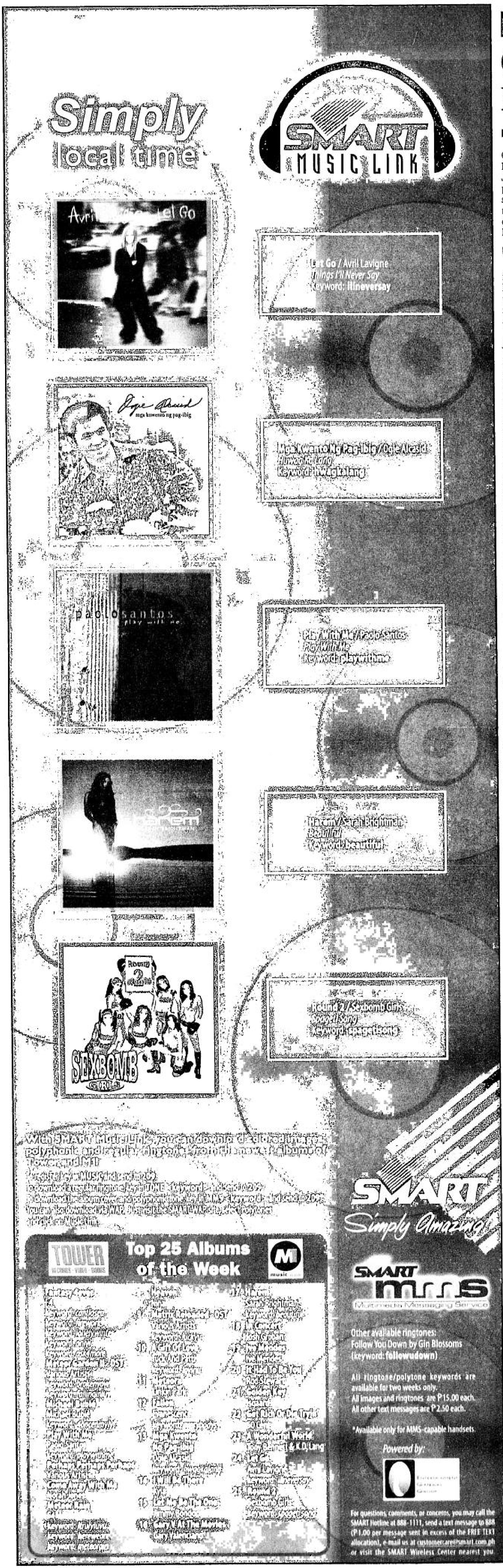
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# GMA-7's 'Narito ang Puso Ko' has standout stellar cast

**By Nestor U. Torre**

GMA-7's new soap opera, "Narito ang Puso Ko," had an auspicious start last Monday, June 9. What made it promising wasn't its plot, which was pretty standard for TV soaps—internecine family relationships, missing loved ones, poor little rich girl who dreams of becoming gloriously wealthy and happy, etc.

## Usual contrast

The initial episode's staging was also nothing special—the usual contrast between poor living quarters and the ultra-extravagant mansions of the rich and even richer.

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The new soap's major strength is its having secured the services of some of the better young and veteran actors in the land. In last Monday's first telecast, the standouts were Jolina Magdangal as the poor girl who appears to be destined to become extravagantly wealthy; Rosa Rosal as a super-rich matriarch and businesswoman who may just turn out to be Jolina's grandmother; Ariel Rivera as her son who's *supposed* to have died at the start of the story; and Amy Austria as Jolina's impoverished mother.

## Eventful

Together with other cast members, these four initial standouts made the first episode eventful, credible and moving.

They were paced by the legendary Rosa Rosal, who turned in a vividly dynamic performance. GMA-7 should be complimented for having secured Ms Rosal's services, and for giving her a good showcase for her latest comeback as an actress.

We've been fans of Rosa Rosal ever since we saw her in revival screenings of '50s film classics "Anak Dalita," "Badjao" (both by Lamberto V. Avellana) and "Biyaya ng Lupa" (Manuel Silos). We also admired her for her powerful acting in Behn Cervantes' "Sakada" in the 1970s. So, we don't need to be convinced that Rosa Rosal is an exceptional thespian.

## Latest characterization

Her latest characterization in "Narito ang Puso Ko" merely affirms what we've already known, and gives us the opportunity to appreciate her talent five evenings each week.

We hope that the soap won't succeed in bumping her character off, which it tried to do *twice* in last Monday's episode alone. That episode started with a big explosion that "killed" Ariel's character, but Rosa was able to survive the blast. Then, at the end of the same episode, a car bomb demolished her vehicle, but she lived through that attempt as well.

Two explosions in one episode are at least one too many, and an indication that the storytelling and directorial handling of this new soap leave something to be desired. Luckily, the show has stars like Rosa to make up for such redundancies, in addition to other insufficiencies and excesses.

## Enduring gift

We trust that, as the soap gains headway in terms of viewership, movie producers will be reminded of Rosa's special and enduring gift, and offer her meaty roles in the movies, as well.

Now that Nida Blanca is no longer with us, Gloria Romero needs the company of other veteran stars who are still active in TV-film acting. Rosa Rosal makes a fine addition to that exclusive list.

# The Dragon and its legacy

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THE 75th Founding Anniversary of Far Eastern University was highlighted by a gala night to honor its most outstanding alumni. In response, two men delivered speeches—Supreme Court Associate Justice Artemio V. Panganiban, and Ambassador Alfonso T. Yuchengco.

## Principal architect

Yuchengco is acknowledged as the principal architect of the Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC). The book "Dragon in the East," details the story of how YGC began with the founding of China Insurance and Surety Company by Don Enrique Yuchengco, the ambassador's father, in 1930, and how it grew into one of Southeast Asia's largest conglomerates.

The book's central symbol is the dragon, a mythical creature which was the icon for YGC's moral regeneration campaign in the early 1990s. The dragon was a most appropriate choice since it evoked greatness and embodied the spirit of excellence to which the Yuchengco Group has adhered.

## Next venture

After WWII, it fell to Ambassador Yuchengco's hands to restart the family insurance business with his father, under the name Malayan Insurance. The next venture was the Great Pacific Life Assurance Corp., a life insurance company. In 1960, he founded the Rizal Development Bank, which later became the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. In 1970, he established The AY Foundation Inc. to handle most of his charitable donations and to monitor long-term civic projects.

Yuchengco is no stranger to awards in recognition of his support for education. He was the first Asian to receive the International Insurance Society (IIS) Founders Gold Medal Award of Excellence. In the 1980s, he was appointed ambassador to China and in the 1990s, to Japan. His more recent diplomatic assignment was as Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations, a post he held until December 2002.

**YUCHENGCO (right) with Amb. Sedfrey A. Ordoñez.**

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# New play

NEW YORK—Playwright Richard Greenberg, whose baseball drama "Take Me Out" won the 2003 Tony Award for best play, has a new work set for Broadway in the fall.

"The Violet Hour" will star Robert Sean Leonard, Jasmine Guy, Mario Cantone, Laura Benanti and Scott Foley, best known for his role on the television series "Felicity."

## Machine

The play, set in 1919, concerns a young publisher and a machine that could change his future.

"The Violet Hour" will open the Manhattan Theater Club's Broadway season at the Biltmore Theater, which the company is in the process of renovating.

The play begins preview performances at the Biltmore on Oct. 16, with an opening set for Nov. 6. AP

## SATURDAY *Special*

# Celebrity dads relish the joys of fatherhood

By Jocelyn Valle

WINNING an award validates an artist's exemplary talent in his chosen field. But how do you know that you've done a great job raising your kids? Let's find out from these celebrity dads, who all relish the joys of fatherhood:

### Encounter

**Christopher de Leon** can't forget a recent encounter with one of his seven kids, Miguel. "One night, *niyakap ko siya* and asked him, '*Love mo ba ako?*' He said, '*S'yempre, mahal kita.*' '*Gaano mo 'ko kamahal?*' '*Sobra!*'

"Coming from a 17-year-old son, wow! *Malaking bagay na 'yun sa aming magulang. Maraming mga bata ang hindi na nagagawang sabihin 'yun kasi nadya-dyahe na sila.*"

### Firstborn

On Sept. 8, 2000, **Richard Gomez** found himself almost in tears. His wife Lucy gave birth to their firstborn. "I was calling her name, telling her: Juliana, this is Daddy!

"And you know what? She was responding, she was trying to look where my voice was coming from. It was magic!"

Now, Juliana brings joy to the busy life of the hunky actor. How? "Just watching her grow everyday!" he exclaims.

The bemused dad adds that Juliana is a very active child. "'*Yun ang nakuha niya sa akin*," he points out. "She's also very intelligent, which she got *naman* from her mom."

### Smile

**Ogie Alcasid** never fails to put a smile on people's faces whenever they watch him on TV, but when he gets home, it's his daughters Leila, 5, and Sarah, 9 months, who entertain him.

"Leila is very talkative," he gushes. "Sarah can't talk much yet but she can say 'Papa, Papa.' And I can tell that she will be talkative, too."

Daddy Ogie's greatest joy is seeing his and his wife Michelle's kids smiling. "Also when Leila tells me: 'Dad, I love you. I think you're the greatest dad!'"

When it comes to disciplining his little girls, Ogie does it with compassion. He also teaches them how to protect themselves. "We tell them that there are bad men out there, so they have to be careful and just stay with Mommy and Daddy. When we're in a mall, we tell them not to run around. We always pray to God to protect us," he says.

### One song each

Side A's vocalist, **Joey Generoso**, says he's equally close to his children Shareena, 11, and Miguel, who turns 8 on the 28th. In fact, Joey was able to a write a song (with the help of his lyricist friend, Dino Barba) for each of them when they were born—"Love Is Here to Stay" for her and "Endlessly" for him.

Brother and sister can sing, and the proud dad has proof: He has recorded his son's version of Daniel Bedingfield's "If You're Not the One" on his Nokia 7650. "But I still can't say if they'll become singers, too."

What Daddy Joey is certain of is the feeling of pure bliss whenever he spends time with his kids. "I really look forward to our family day, Sunday," he shares. "We go to the mall and we watch a movie together."

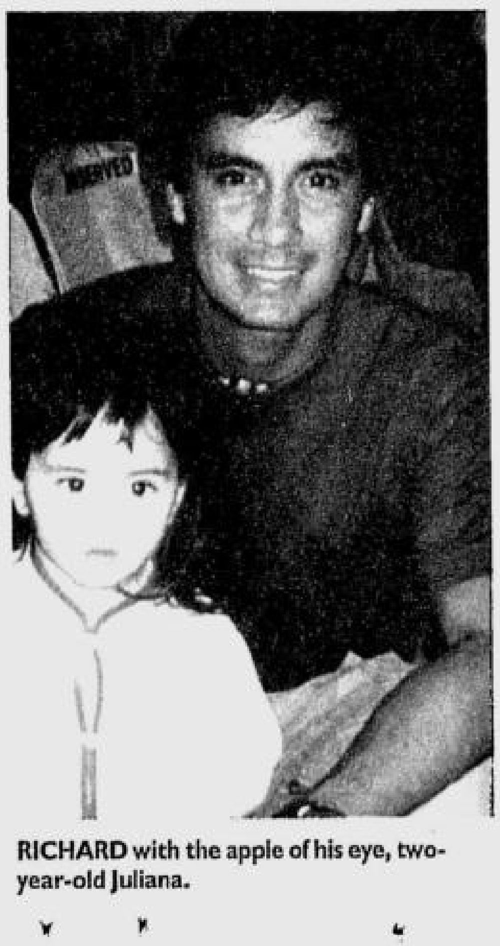
### Trip to Spain

Actor **Ronnie Lazaro**, on the other hand, considers his trip to Spain three years ago with his then two-year-old kid Gabriel the ultimate father-and-son bonding time. But they have as much fun now doing art projects at the Pasay City house they share with Ronnie's wife Lola Pizarro, who teaches at Instituto Cervantes.

"He looks like his mom," notes Ronnie of his son. "He also has the passion of a Spaniard. But he has the sensitivity of a Filipino, *malambing*. He likes to eat fish eyes—*Pinoy talaga!*"

Bringing up a child in a cross-cultural union reveals a few differences, says Ronnie. Lola speaks to Gabriel in Spanish while Ronnie uses English (and later on, he vows, Filipino and Ilonggo). Just like Filipino parents, Ronnie loves to carry his little one, but Lola admonishes him to let Gabriel down.

Ronnie feels blessed. "I was 40 when we had Gabriel," he smiles. "I have his first cry on tape. Fatherhood makes you look deeper at life. My dream is for Gabriel to become a caring person who can be a good example to others."



**RICHARD** with the apple of his eye, two-year-old Juliana.

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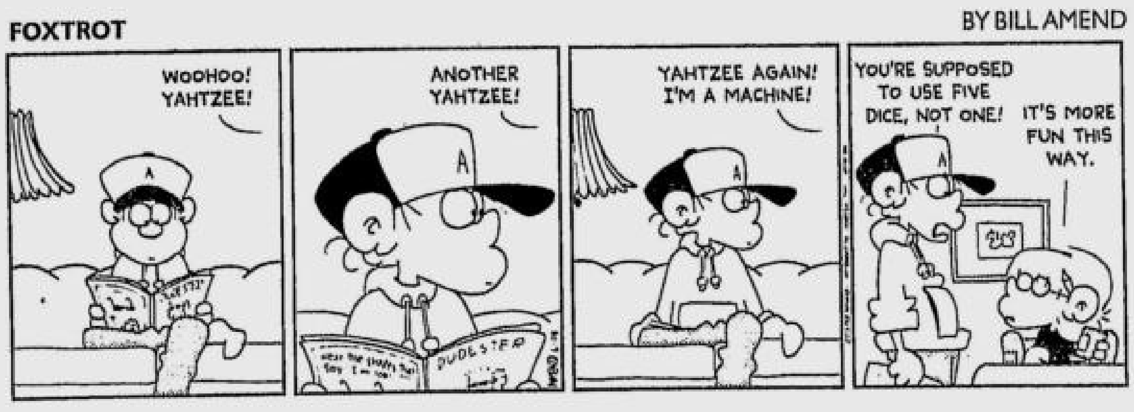
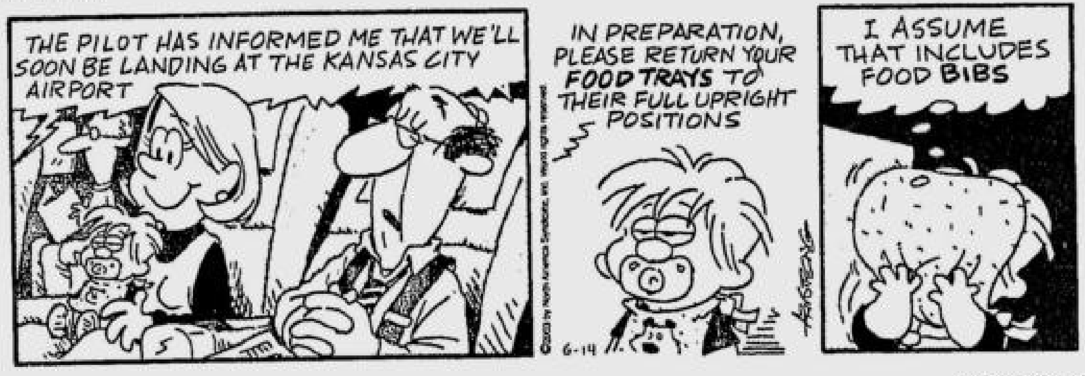
## FOXTROT

BY BILL AMEND


WOOHOO! YAHTZEE!
ANOTHER YAHTZEE!
YAHTZEE AGAIN! I'M A MACHINE!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO USE FIVE DICE, NOT ONE!
IT'S MORE FUN THIS WAY.

## MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG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I ASSUME THAT INCLUDES FOOD BIBS
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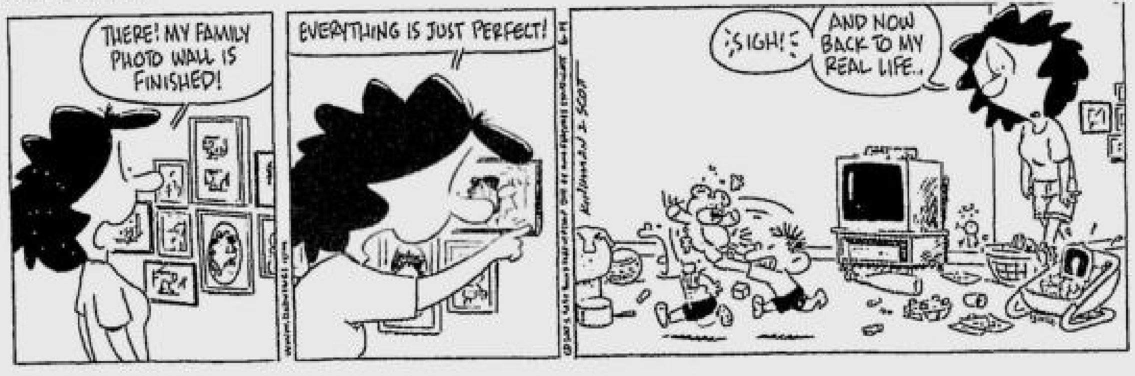
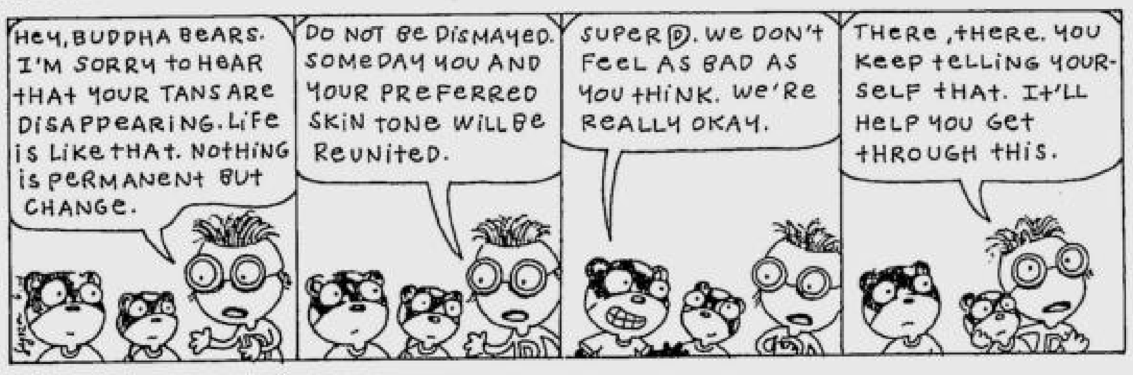
## BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


THERE! MY FAMILY PHOTO WALL IS FINISHED!
EVERYTHING IS JUST PERFECT!
SIGH!
AND NOW BACK TO MY REAL LIFE..

## ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


HEY, BUDDHA BEARS. I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT YOUR TANS ARE DISAPPEARING. LIFE IS LIKE THAT. NOTHING IS PERMANENT BUT CHANGE.
DO NOT BE DISMAYED. SOMEDAY YOU AND YOUR PREFERRED SKIN TONE WILL BE REUNITED.
SUPER D. WE DON'T FEEL AS BAD AS YOU THINK. WE'RE REALLY OKAY.
THERE, THERE. YOU KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT. IT'LL HELP YOU GET THROUGH THIS.

## HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

**YOU BORN TODAY:** You genuinely like people and have a strong curiosity about other ethnic cultures. You're curious about everything in life. Quite often you have two careers, two homes or two families. (One world is not quite enough.) You need variety, change and stimulation to feel alive. This year is full of exciting beginnings and new adventures.
**Birthdate of:** Harriet Beecher-Stowe, writer; Yasmine Bleeth, actress; Burl Ives, folk musician.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** Do not expect this day to unfold in a routine manner. Surprise events will probably take place with friends, possibly due to unusual, spontaneous purchases.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20):** Unexpected job offers or ways to boost your income are possible today. Keep your eyes open for new ways to make money. This could involve technology and computers or a chance for new training.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Your freedom is always very important to you. Today, however, you don't want to be told what to do at all! Your primary consideration is your need for independence.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22):** Unexpected travel or surprise news from afar could bring a change of plans to your day. Stay flexible and be ready to make changes.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22):** A friend might offer to defend you or give you something today. Do not refuse out of pride or suspicion. Be an object for somebody else's generosity.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22):** Conversations are topsy-turvy today! Today's Full Moon puts everyone on edge. Because of this, you will need to be patient with friends and strangers alike.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22):** Staff shortages, interruptions at work, and technological breakdowns are likely today. This is the kind of day where you simply have to go with the flow. You have little control over what is happening.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21):** Avoid impulse buying today. You're tempted to spend too much money having fun. Vacations and entertaining diversions will cost more than you expect.

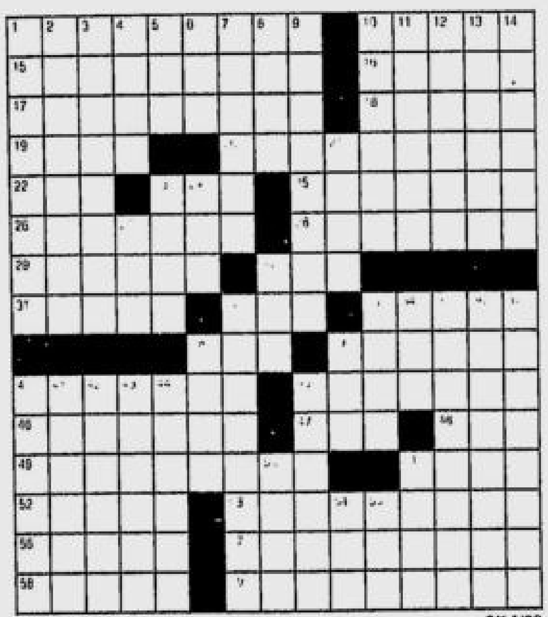
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** Today's Full Moon is in your sign. Naturally, conversations with partners and close friends are strained. You feel like no matter what you do, you cannot win. (This will pass in a day or two.)

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19):** Unexpected outbursts from co-workers or relatives shock you today. Do not respond in kind. Try to understand what is happening to others to make them act this way.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18):** Be extra-vigilant with children because of the possibility of accidents and surprises. Little ones can easily wander away today. Romance also requires patience and tolerance.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20):** Family disagreements erupt out of nowhere today. Today's Full Moon makes people tense, and on top of this, surprises and unexpected events are likely. (It's a hot potato.)

## DAILY CROSSWORD



By Josiah Breward
Scranton, PA

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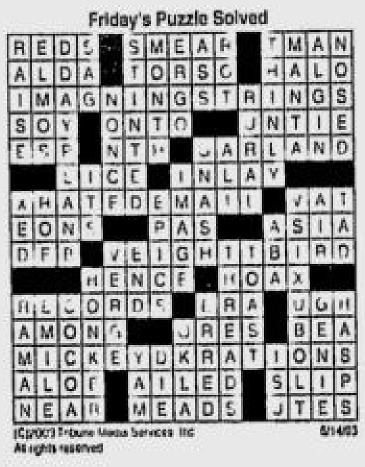
ACROSS
1 Confuses
10 Struck forcefully
15 British flyer
16 Talk-show host O'Brien
17 Saved
18 Ward off
19 Fruity beverages
20 Opera glasses
22 Open container
23 Pulitzer-winner Burrows
25 Against armed conflict
26 Indigestion relief
28 Janet and Mitzi of Hollywood
29 Enacted
30 Put in stitches
31 Golf-course features
32 Signal for help
33 Three-wheeler
38 Nitwit
39 Ambrose or Bacall
40 Dressed
45 Mountain lions
46 Alan of "L.A. Law"
47 Absent
48 Chaney of "The Wolf Man"
49 Lack of a valid will
51 City near Phoenix
52 Looks over quickly and systematically
53 Connecting route
56 Pound pieces
57 Hepburn of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"
58 Cattle
59 Enhanced the desirability of

DOWN
1 Bottle gourd
2 Find a hidden meaning
3 Of the Far East
4 Makes fairway repairs
5 Rejuvenation retreat
6 South African golfer Ernie
7 Left port
8 PC command
9 Groups of equals
10 Meager
11 Establish residence
12 Combination punch
13 Sauce for fish
14 Penetrates
21 Emulate a beaver
23 Leaders of the pack
24 Make an offer
27 Grow old
30 Saturate
32 Likable losers
33 Drawn tight
34 Carpet
35 "Rosemary's Baby" writer
36 Lamp oil
37 Caught
38 Transmitted
39 Costello or Rawls
40 English potato chips
41 Surgical knife
42 Gasoline figure
43 From that place
44 Excessively sibilant speaker
45 Prairie wolf
50 Bird's crop
51 Further
54 The woman last mentioned
55 Used a chesterfield

Friday's Puzzle Solved



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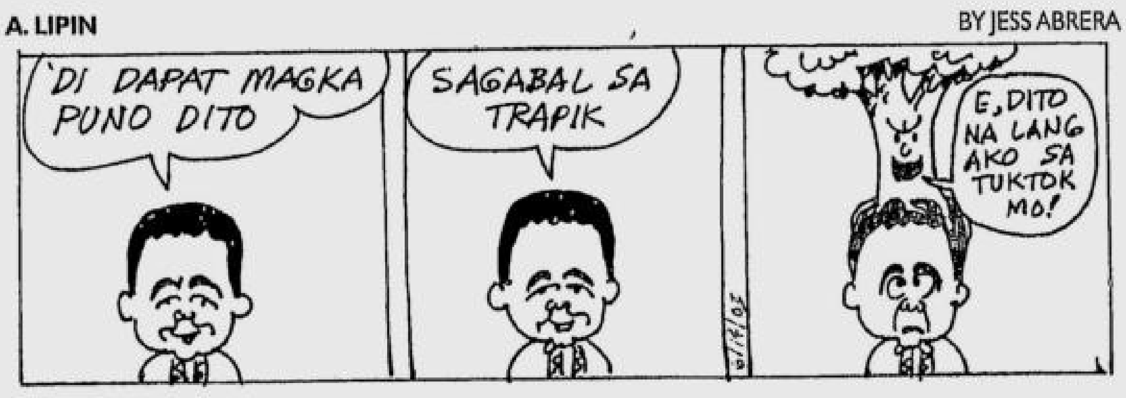
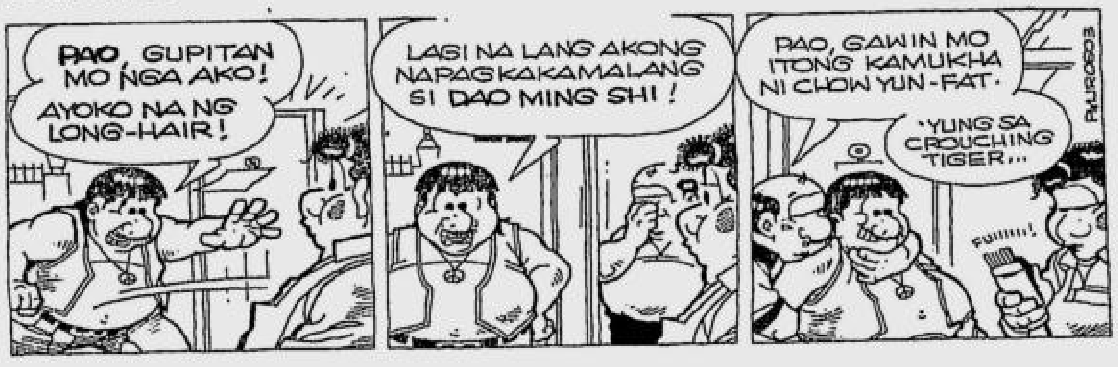
## A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA


'DI DAPAT MAGKA PUNO DITO
SAGABAL SA TRAPIK
E, DITO NA LANG AKO SA TUKTOK MO!

## PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


PAO, GUPITAN MO NGA AKO!
AYOKO NA NG LONG-HAIR!
LAGI NA LANG AKONG NAPAGKAKAMALANG SI DAO MING SHI!
PAO, GAWIN MO ITONG KAMUKHA NI CHOW YUN-FAT.
'YUNG SA CROUCHING TIGER...
FUiiiii!
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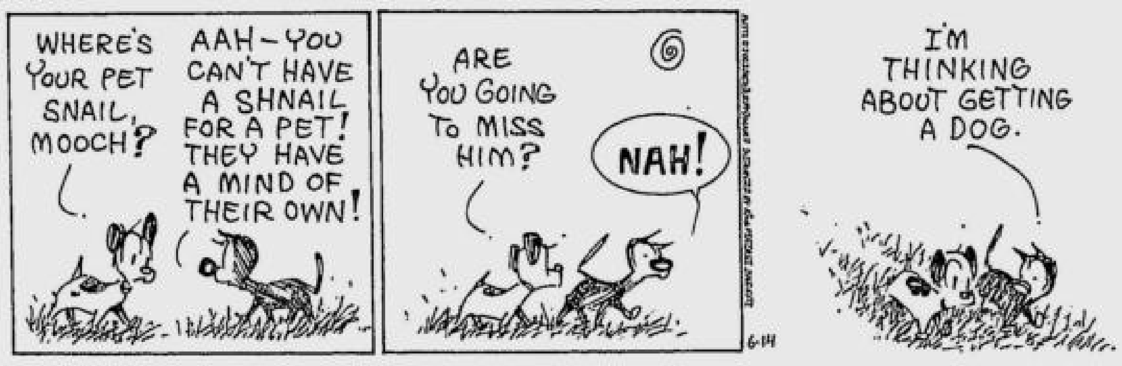
## MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


WHERE'S YOUR PET SNAIL, MOOCH?
AAH-YOU CAN'T HAVE A SHNAIL FOR A PET! THEY HAVE A MIND OF THEIR OWN!
ARE YOU GOING TO MISS HIM?
NAH!
I'M THINKING ABOUT GETTING A DOG.
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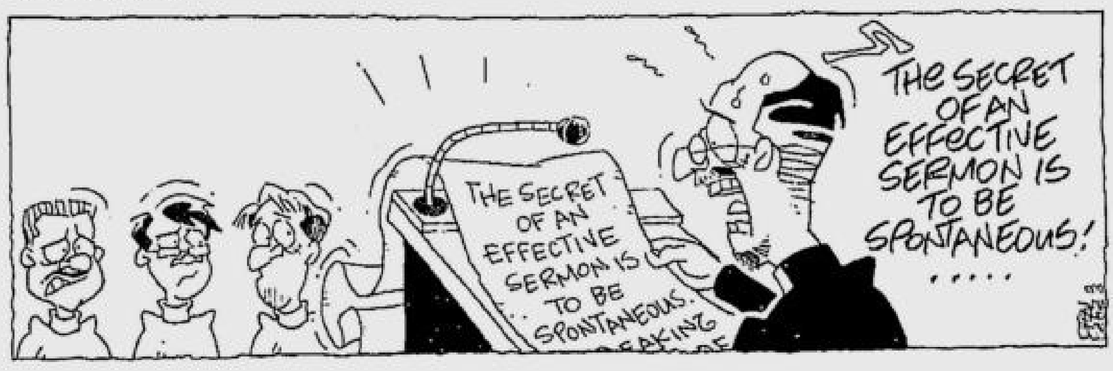
## DIVINE COMEDY

BY STEVEN PABALINAS


THE SECRET OF AN EFFECTIVE SERMON IS TO BE SPONTANEOUS!
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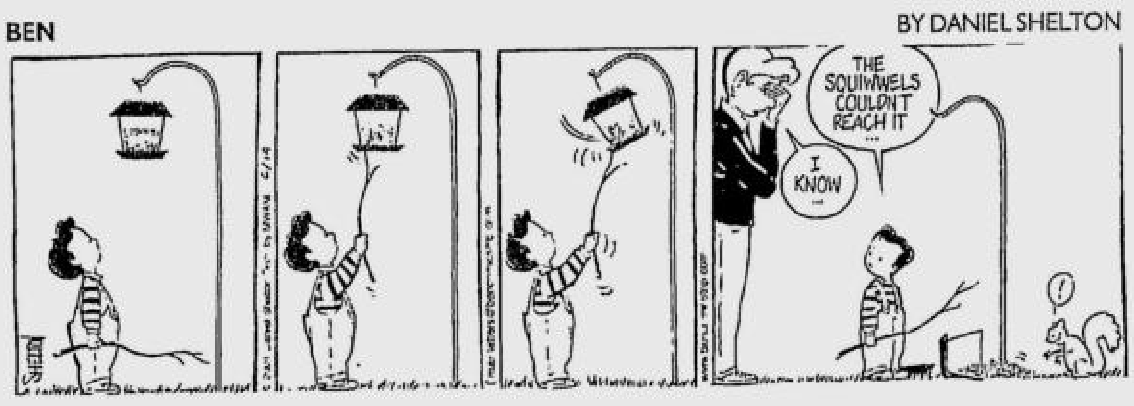
THE SECRET OF AN EFFECTIVE SERMON IS TO BE SPONTANEOUS.

## BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


THE SQUIWWELS COULDN'T REACH IT
...
I KNOW
...
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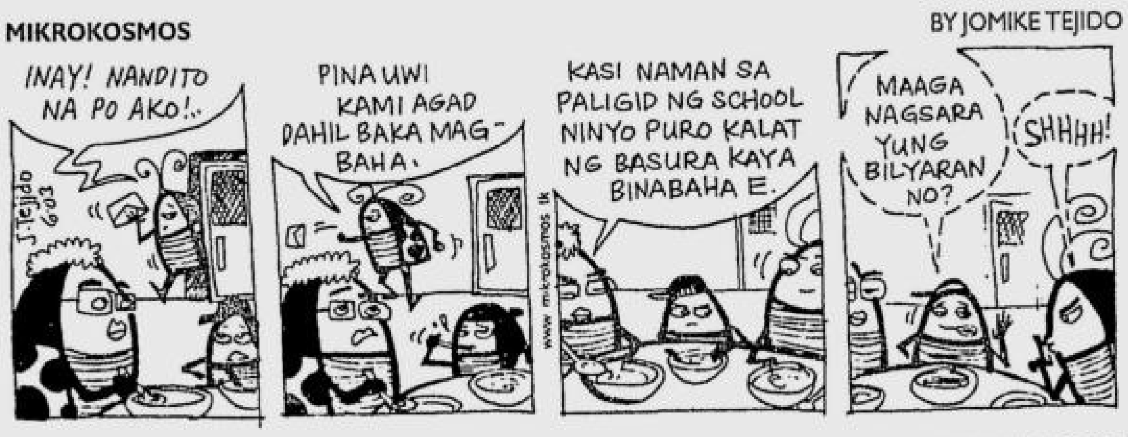
## MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


INAY! NANDITO NA PO AKO!..
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PINA UWI KAMI AGAD DAHIL BAKA MAG-BAHA.
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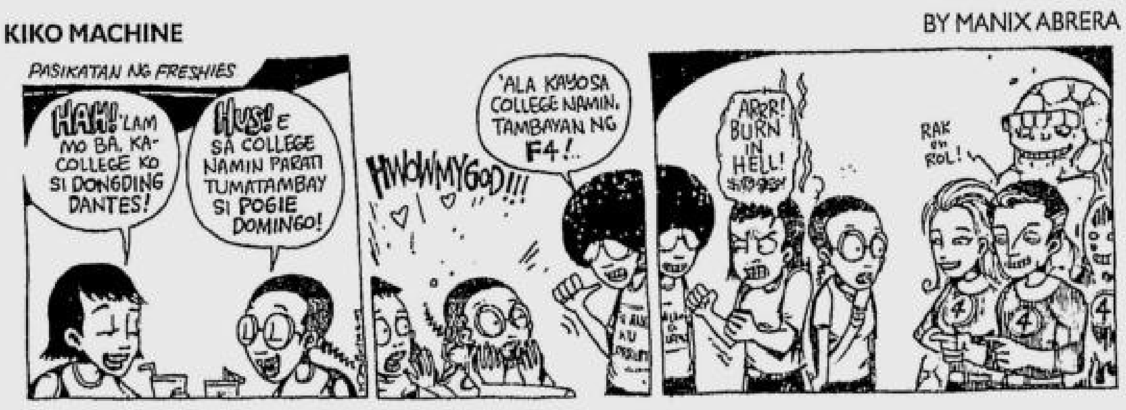
KASI NAMAN SA PALIGID NG SCHOOL NINYO PURO KALAT NG BASURA KAYA BINABAHA E.
MAAGA NAGSARA YUNG BILYARAN NO?
SHHHH!

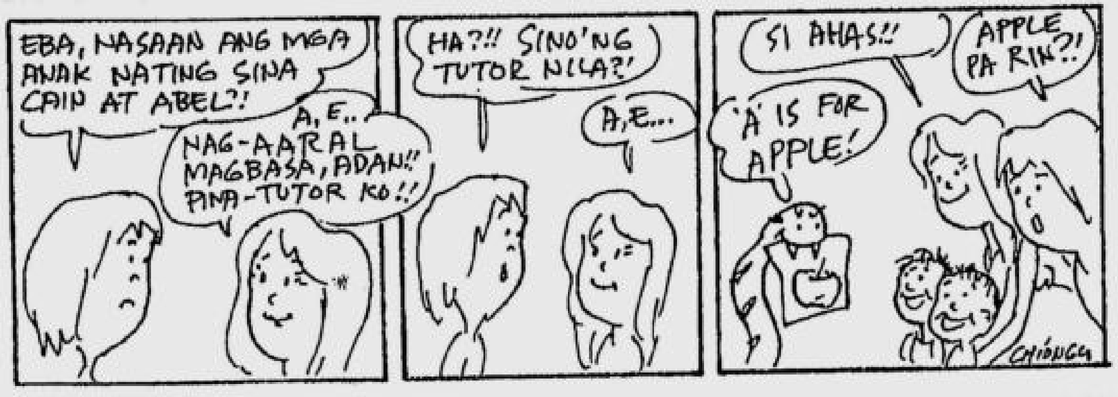
## KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


PASIKATAN NG FRESHIES
HAH! 'LAM MO BA, KA-COLLEGE KO SI DONGDING DANTES!
HUS! E SA COLLEGE NAMIN PARATI TUMATAMBAY SI POGIE DOMINGO!
HWOWMYGOD!!!
'ALA KAYO SA COLLEGE NAMIN. TAMBAYAN NG F4!..
ARRR! BURN IN HELL!
RAK EN ROL!

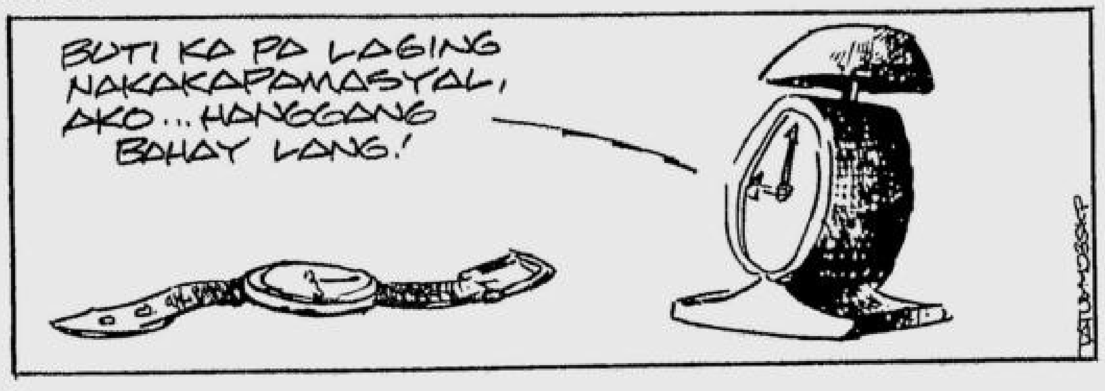
## LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


EBA, NASAAN ANG MGA ANAK NATING SINA CAIN AT ABEL?!
A, E.. NAG-AARAL MAGBASA, ADAN!! PINA-TUTOR KO!!
HA?!! SINO'NG TUTOR NILA?!
A, E...
SI AHAS!!
'A' IS FOR APPLE!
APPLE PA RIN?!
CHIONGLO

## TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


BUTI KA PO LAGING NAKAKAPAMASYAL, AKO... HANGGANG BAHAY LANG!

# New viewing treats on Hallmark

**VIEWFINDER**

*Nestor U. Torre*

THREE new treats will further enliven the Hallmark Channel's programming starting next month: "Mad About You," the award-winning sitcom starring Paul Reiser and Helen Hunt, premieres July 1 and will be telecast from Monday to Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. and midnight.

"My Big Fat Greek Life" stars telecasting on July 4 and will be shown every Friday at 8:30 p.m. and midnight. It picks up where the hit movie, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," left off.

And "Early Edition" premieres on July 1 and airs on Mondays and Tuesdays at 11 p.m. The Emmy-nominated series stars Kyle Chandler as a former stockbroker who has the extraordinary ability to see into the future.

## French Film Festival

Remaining screenings in the ongoing French Film Festival at Cinema 6 of SM Megamall: Saturday, June 14—2 p.m., "Asterix & Obelix" sequel. 5 p.m., "Vidocq." 8 p.m., "Replay." Sunday, June 15—2 p.m., "Nearest to Heaven." 5 p.m., "Honor Your Father." 8 p.m., "Amen."

## Movies on TV

On Cinemax: Saturday, June 14 at 9 p.m., "The Day the World Ended."

Sunday, June 15 at 9 p.m., "Revelation." Monday, June 16 at 9:15 a.m., "Cape Fear." Tuesday, June 17 at 4:30 p.m., "War of the Worlds."

Wednesday, June 18 at 3:30 a.m., "Luv." Thursday, June 19 at 8 a.m., "A House Divided." Friday, June 20 at 3:45 a.m., "Cinema Secrets: This Means War."

## PLDT MyMusic boosts local artists

PLDT offers yet another treat via an acoustic concert featuring three of the hottest local artists through the PLDT MyMusic service.

Nina, Jimmy Bondoc and Nyoy Volante topbill "Live by Request" tonight at The Forum, Podium Mall, in Ortigas.

The concert is an exclusive for PLDT MyMusic callers. By dialing 1-908-MyMusic or 1-908-6968742 from any PLDT postpaid phone with NDD, Touch Card, Fonkard Plus and telesulit, or through Smart, and Talk n' Text, the caller can have a chance to win free tickets to the concert.

## Signey on 'Coffee Talk'

Richard Signey, professor of English as a Second Language at Languages International, is one of Cheri Mercado's guests on "Coffee Talk" at 9 a.m. today on ANC (ABS-CBN). The lifestyle-talk show celebrates its first anniversary this month.

**"MY BIG FAT GREEK LIFE." TV series spun off from hit film.**

## 'The Hulk'

Acclaimed filmmaker Ang Lee's concept for his film adaptation of the classic Marvel Comics series, "The Hulk," combines all the elements of a blockbuster visual effects-intensive superhero movie with the brooding romance and tragedy of Universal's classic horror films.

In depicting The Hulk as both a superhero and a monster, Lee and his team have stayed true the early subversive spirit of the character created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, while completely updating The Hulk and projecting it into the dangers and aspirations of contemporary times.

Eric Bana ("Black Hawk Down") stars as scientist Bruce Banner, whose inner demons transform him in the aftermath of a catastrophic experiment. Academy Award winner Jennifer Connelly ("A Beautiful Mind") portrays Betty Ross, whose scientific genius unwittingly helps unleash The Hulk.

"The Hulk" will have a special advance screening at 8 p.m. on June 18 at SM Megamall 3. Be among the first to see this latest in a series of action blockbusters to come from Hollywood this year. Call 687-3059.

# I remember Lino Brocka, way back when

**By Behn Cervantes**

*(Conclusion)*

LINO was converted to the Mormon religion sometime in 1962. How did it happen?

## Missionaries

One rainy evening, I arrived in our Pasay home to find a couple of Mormon missionaries vainly trying to talk my Protestant parents into accepting the merits of their Utah-based religion.

I made an appointment to see them at some other time. I phoned Lino to accompany me to the scheduled religious session. Misery loves company, right?

After their lengthy spiels, Lino and I agreed it was a rather amusing experience. But Lino continued to see them for proselytizing sessions—until one day he found himself waist-deep in a big pool!

## Classroom

He was baptized by beaming missionaries as one of their first Filipino converts to the Church of Latter Day Saints!

In 1965, he was sent to Honolulu for missionary work. Lino had a mind of his own, so it was not surprising that he soon encountered problems with the superiors of his strict church. As a result of his willfulness, he was "exiled" to far-off Molokai.

## Young actor

After that stint, he was sent to San Francisco, where he did more missionary work. While there he befriended a young actor appearing in the stage play "The Subject Was Roses." He later became better known as Martin Sheen.

Lino came home for a sabbatical and I made him join Peta. It was during that time that we had a falling out.

I cast him in "Apollo of Bellac" for a Grey November Wednesday show. Ishmael Bernal wisely used that slow mid-week day for a "happening" to draw the crowd to his cafe.

Lino came late for the performance so we had a mini-spat that developed further when I questioned his appointment as the director of a Nestor Torre play for a major Peta production. We didn't speak to each other for 14 years!

## Parliament of the streets

In the years in between, I had joined the parliament of the streets. He had become an acclaimed film director with "Wanted: Perfect Mother." As they say, the rest is history.

It was only in May 1983, when we worked together in the Free The Artists, Free The Media movement, that we started to speak to each other again. After the assassination of Aquino in Aug. 21, 1983 we became active in Jaja (Justice for Aquino, Justice for All) and many other organizations.

Lino and I were detained in a well-publicized arrest during a transport strike in January 1985. We spent ample time together in the Quezon City Jail and Camp Bonifacio, where we reminisced about our salad years, recalled old friends and reminded ourselves of our spats. All that was now water under the bridge. We had become not only friends but comrades, although some silly fellow referred to us as the "*Bulaklak ng* City Jail," a take-off from a movie that starred Nora Aunor.

## Essence

We now centered our efforts on the Concerned Artists of the Philippines and its aims. The essence of the CAP statement was clear: We recognized the fact that we were Filipinos first and foremost. We happened to be artists but we had to concern ourselves with our nation's needs since these affected our lives as artists. We could and did not separate one from the other.

We shared a vision of the work and challenges that confronted dedicated and concerned artists in a troubled country. We had to confront many national problems. We hoped to eliminate some of them through our artistic endeavors. All future work would have to be seen from the point of view of the underprivileged Filipino. The task confronting us was formidable.

Lino died 12 years ago. There is still so much to be done! New generations should admire what he stood for, emulate his dedication to truth and integrity, and understand his position in the struggle for true national liberation. He was not just a great filmmaker, but a great Filipino artist, as well.

**BROCKA. Great Filipino artist.**

# Robin Padilla produces historical drama for filmfest

**By Edmund L. Sicam**

THE FILM "Alab ng Lahi," one of the entries in the ongoing Manila Film Festival, is the fulfillment of a longtime dream for Robin Padilla. The story is set in the 1940s after the Japanese Imperial Army surrenders to American forces. Robin plays Gregorio Magtanggol, a Hukbalahap member, who discovers that the struggle is not over for him and other peasants.

## Fascination

The action star shares that, ever since he was small, he has had a fascination for Philippine history. *"Ito ang talagang gusto kong gawin . . . noon pa, noon pa! Kaya nga ako nag*-produce," Robin explains. He is co-producing the movie together with Japanese action star Jackie Woo, who also appears in the movie.

Robin declares that he gets a different kind of fulfillment making films such as "Alab." *"Mas gusto ko, merong binibigay sa aking kakaibang kasiyahan."* Because of this, Robin has several other projects lined up, all with historical themes. His next film will take place during the Fil-Am War, and another is a film on the Macabebes of Pampanga, who are often portrayed as traitors to their countrymen. Robin wants to show moviegoers another way of looking at that story.

## Details

He hopes that "Alab" will bring out new details and points of view to widen the audience's knowledge of history. But he denies that this film will make audiences sympathetic to the Japanese.

Robin admits that he has made movies in the past that, given a choice, he would not have done.

And the actor seems to be tired of all the gimmicks that he has to do in each new movie he makes. *"Ang gusto nilang gawin ko, patindi nang patindi. Tama na!"* he laughs.

**PADILLA. Wants to make more meaningful movies.**

Thus, Robin keeps looking for projects that are more meaningful and fulfilling. He shares that when he and his brothers were in the US, this was one of their favorite topics for discussion. *"Napag-usapan namin, bakit ang Pilipino di niya alam ang pagka-Pilipino niya? Pagdating sa Pilipinas, hindi siya disiplinado. Tamad. Pagdating sa America, ang sipag! Bakit?*

*"Inisip namin, ang problema, ang Pilipino, hindi niya alam kung saan siya galing. Dahil sa sobrang daming kultura niya, hindi na niya alam kung ano siya."*

## Example

Robin cites as an example the fact that not many Filipinos know that there was such a thing as the Philippine-American War.

A big boost to Robin's new film is the fact that "Alab ng Lahi" has been endorsed by the Department of Education. *"Yung amin lang, makakaiwan kami ng marka sa mga estudyante,"* Robin beams.

Of course, Robin hopes that his film will garner top prizes at the filmfest's awards night. However, his fervent wish is that it is his costar, Jackie Woo, who will get the prize for their film. *"Gusto kong manalo si* Jackie. *Bilang Pilipino, magandang regalo sa isang dayuhan itong ginawa ko."*

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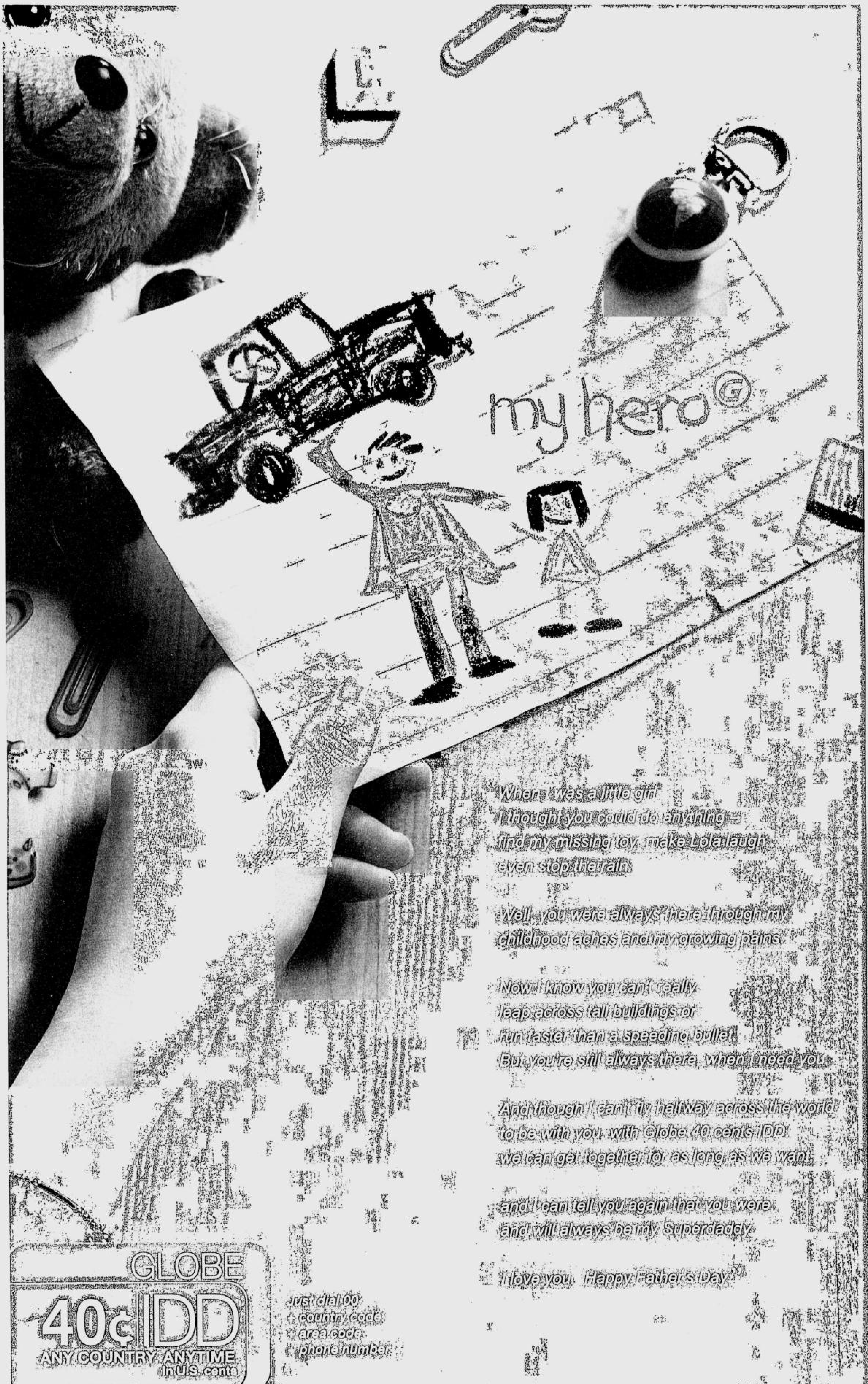

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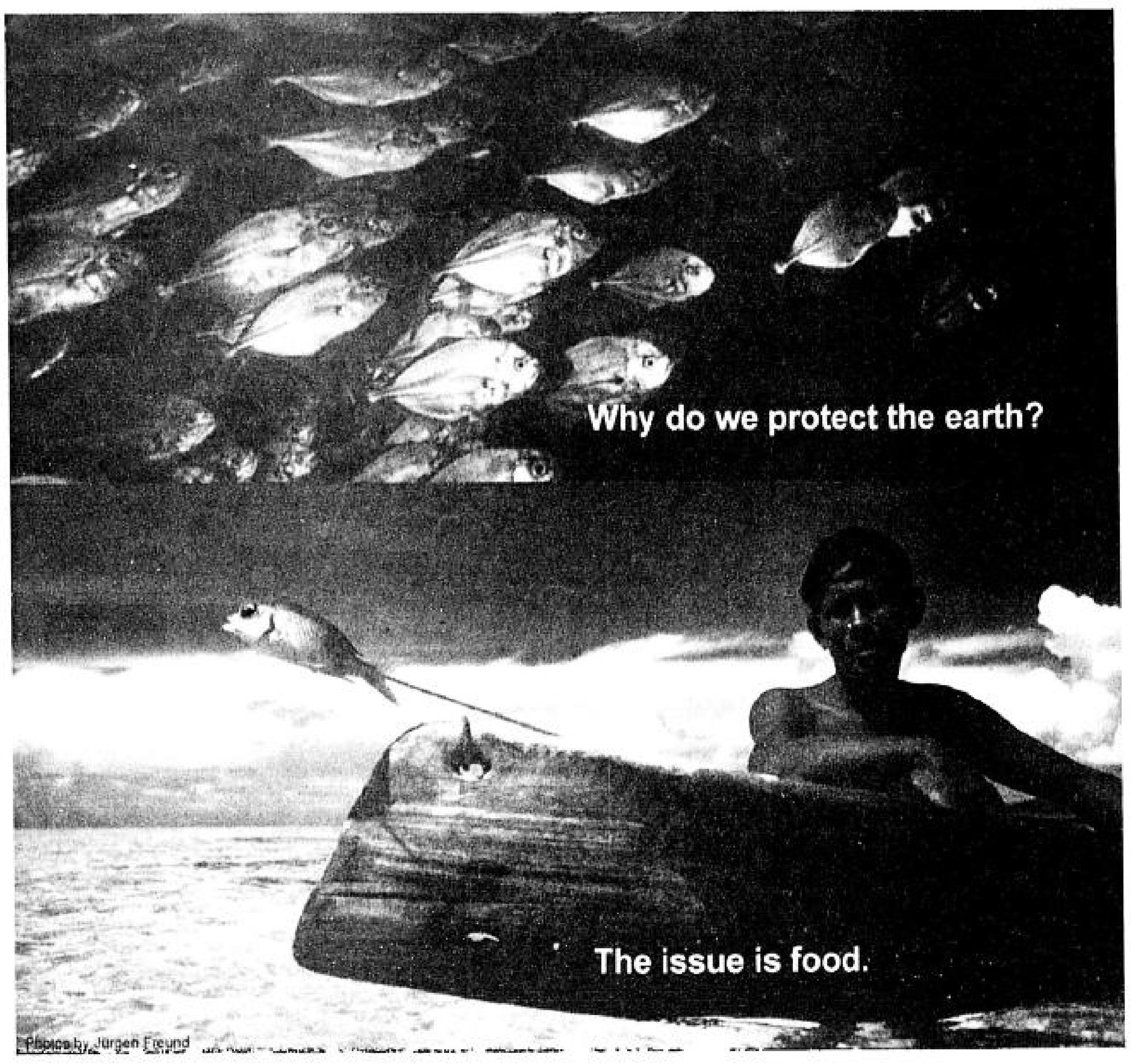

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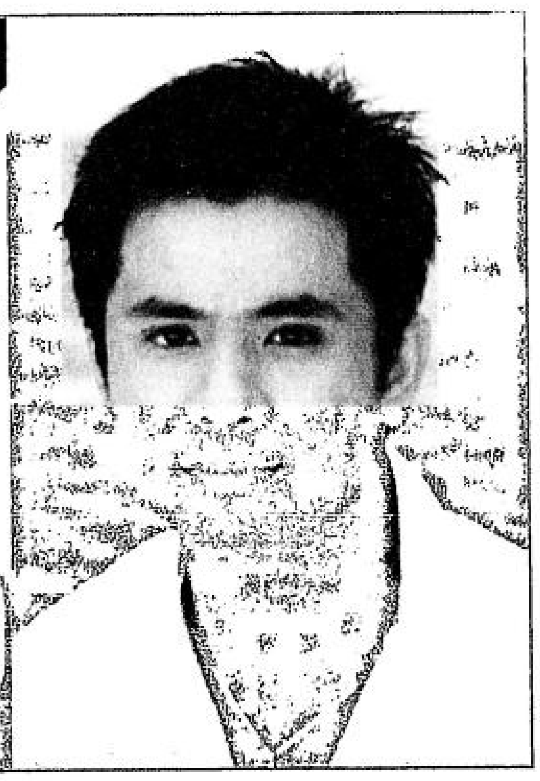

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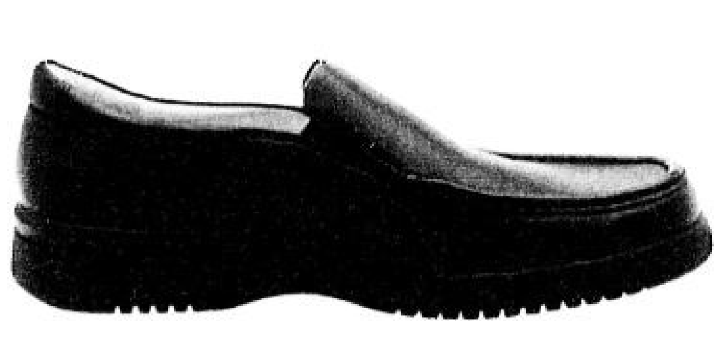

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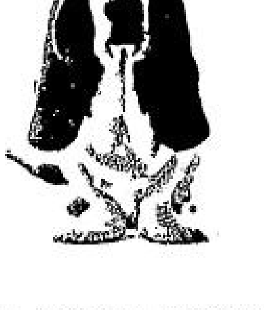

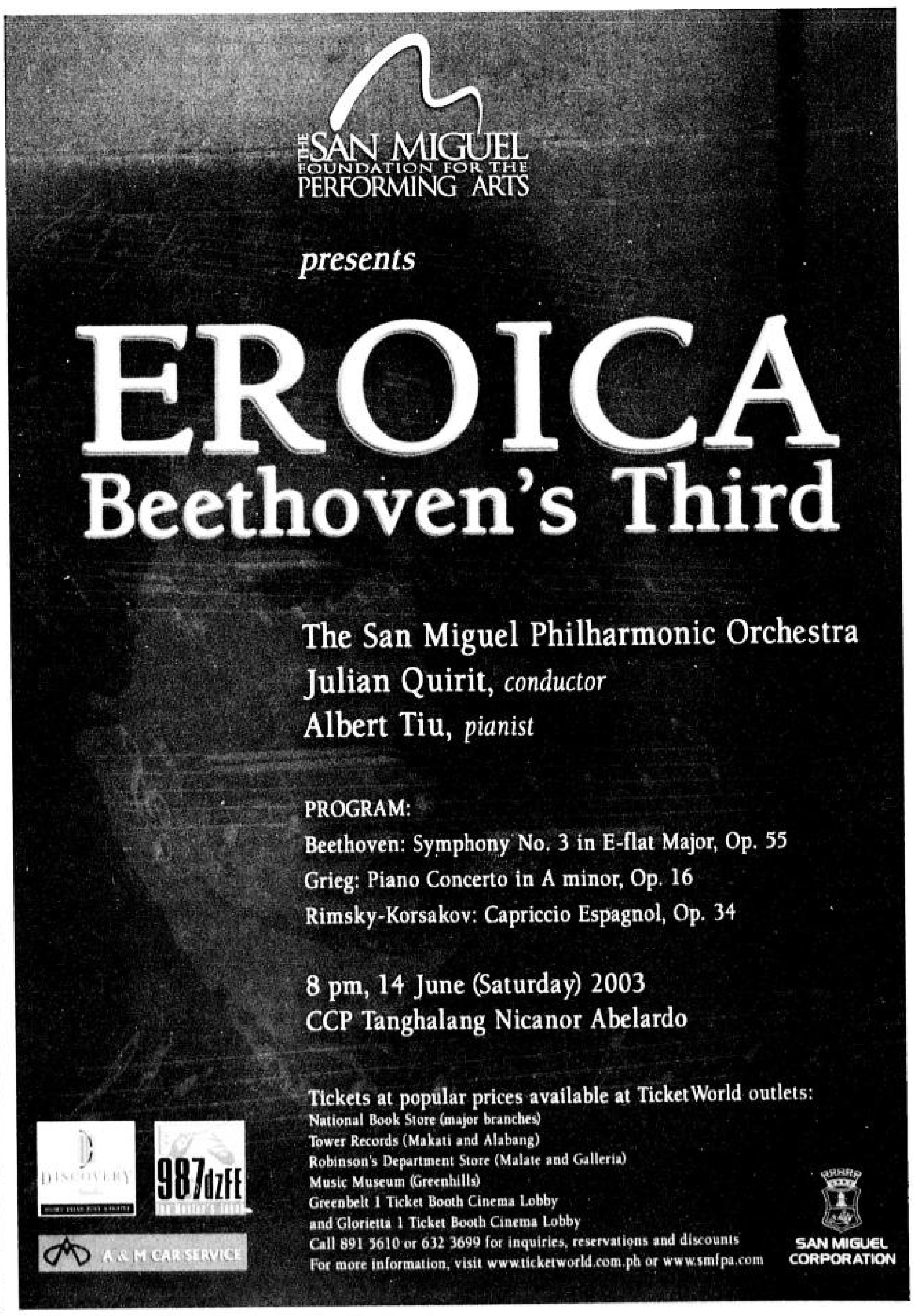

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# The rise of the anti-hero

By Natalia Diaz

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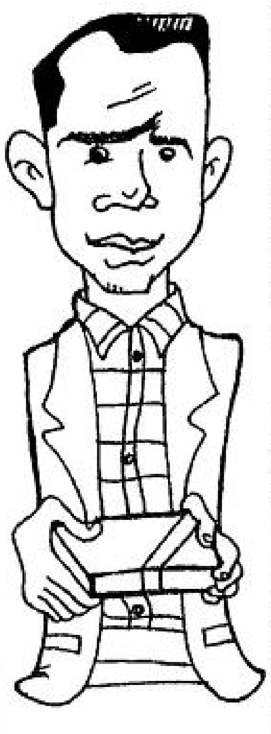
MANY chapters ago, in the never-ending story of the struggle between good vs. evil, the Hero was always a squeaky-clean, muscle-flexing, overall nice guy.

He was always someone you could take home to mom, that is of course, once he ditched his bright red, uber-tight briefs worn over his equally skin-tight spandex costume—never mind if it nicely showed his rock-hard pecs! The Hero usually disguised himself as a regular Joe with a day job, but when the world needed to be saved (yet again) from the forces of evil, he was there in a flash, fighting his nemesis with so much panache, restoring peace and order to the land, and finishing with nary a strand of hair out of place.

In short, the classic hero of old exemplified society's ideals. He was the embodiment of physical, mental, and yes, even sexual prowess (hey, they wouldn't wear 'em tighty-tushie undergarments if they had nothing to show!) and possessed an unwavering loyalty to friends, family and country.

Classic examples of comic book heroes would be Superman, Captain America and The Fantastic Four. In the world of Hollywood and TV, you'd be counting on the likes of Rambo, Indiana Jones and James Bond to save your skin (though if you were female, you'd probably have to endure their flirtations after).

Recent movements in popular media and literature however have presented us with a different kind of protagonist. Far from being the near-perfect hero of old, what makes this character intriguing is essentially his flawed nature. To discern whether this character is "good" or "bad," you'd probably debate on this issue into the wee hours of the morning, consuming sacrilegious amounts of cafe lattes and cigarettes in the process. For this character dwells somewhere in the shady area between good and evil, moral and immoral. He is the Anti-Hero.



## Not a villain

The Anti-hero is not a villain. Villains are evil, pure and simple, think Lex Luthor, The Joker, The Wicked Witch and Flo from Amazing Race 3. The Villain is the antithesis of the Hero; he is in direct conflict with the ideals of society, and will not sleep until total annihilation has been wrought upon the world (insert evil, maniacal laughter here).

The Anti-hero is different. More of like the "vs" in the "good vs. evil" polarity, he is the main character in a story who glaringly lacks the traditional, idyllic qualities of the classic hero.

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Thus, if mental prowess is exemplified by the hero Odysseus, then simple-mindedness is actualized by the Anti-hero Forrest Gump. If strength and an enviable six-pack is embodied by the likes of Conan and Hercules, weakness is highlighted in the persona of Holden Caulfied of "Catcher in the Rye" (he was beaten up by a girl for heaven's sake).

Captain America enforces peace and order in the land; Alex of Clockwork Orange is a vicious, violent threat to society (though he does sport the coolest bowler hat). Batman and Robin are faithful to each other to the end, Trainspotting's Rent Boy screws his friends over in the end. A Hero is the Johnny Depp of "21 Jumpstreet;" an Anti-hero is the Johnny Depp of "Edward Scissorhands."

## Comic books

The Anti-hero roams most freely within the panels of today's comic books, in fact, in this medium, the Anti-hero is almost the norm. Gone are the days when goody-two-shoes characters in tights saved the world—today's Anti-hero will be lucky enough to save himself.

One of the more popular contemporary Anti-heroes that has gained a global cult following is Dream of the Endless—the brooding, reticent king of the dream world in Neil Gaiman's "The Sandman" graphic novel series. Dream is the farthest cry from your traditional comic superhero.

For starters, he's as pale white as Elmer's glue, sports a hairdo uncannily like Robert Smith of The Cure, and is so reed-thin he makes Kate Moss look chubby. Yet beyond the physical attributes, Dream is a taciturn, moody and vengeful kinda guy, with a love life that's shot to hell (in more ways than one can imagine).

Then there's The Crying Freeman, a talented sculptor kidnapped and brainwashed to become a deadly assassin, who weeps in sympathy each time he kills. The Crow, a goth icon, is brought back to life to seek revenge for his and his girlfriend's brutal murder.

Other main misfits within the comic space are The Preacher, Spawn and the devilishly intriguing Lucifer Morningstar, all morally bereft characters with their own agenda, and mind you, it's not to save the world.

## 'Baghdad Bob'

To chart the rise of the Anti-hero in media and pop culture, one would have to review the real life events in history, for the Anti-hero is in fact a representation of his historical context. Various events in global history, from colonialism, world wars, industrialization and the sexual revolution may all be pointed out as variables that have contributed to the rise of the Anti-hero.

As a product of his time and society, his flaws or impotencies call us to examine and question the mores and ethics of the world he lives in. Thus, the Anti-hero exists as an inquiry into the status quo.

Certain historical personas have taken up the roles as real-life Anti-heroes. They are those who have developed a cult following for being the underdog, such as Cuban freedom fighter Che Guevarra, New Testament revolutionary Jesus Christ and South African civil rights leader Nelson Mandela. Though not exactly a model of martyrdom, the former Iraqi Information Minister, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf aka "Baghdad Bob" can also be considered an Anti-hero who never ceased to entertain the CNN-watching populace with his heated, colorful euphemisms on the fate of their American invaders, such as "God will roast their stomachs in hell" and "my feelings—as usual—we will slaughter them all."

## Modern literature

The emergence of the Anti-Hero in popular literature and media is likewise closely rooted to its historical context.

The anti-hero Holden Caulfield, in the 1951 classic "Catcher in the Rye," manifests the feelings of loneliness and disillusionment in a world of conformity. He is a socially inept schoolboy whose overwhelming frustrations with a morally corrupt, synthetic world sends him on a downward spiral to the loony bin. Hunter Thompson's wacko character in the counterculture classic "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" reflects his generation's misguided response to the political instability of the '60s. He takes "consciousness expansion" to unsurpassed levels by taking a trunk load of illegal substances with more letters than the alphabet. Amidst his frenetic hallucinations and hairy encounters with authority, he posits a sober inquiry into the state of his generation: "What is sane? Especially here in 'our own country'. . .we are all wired into a survival trip now . . .This was the fatal flaw of Tim Leary's trip. He crashed around America selling 'consciousness expansion' without giving a thought to the grim meat-hook realities that were lying in wait for all the people who took him too seriously."

Then there's Patrick Bateman of "American Psycho" who painted us a picture of the materialistic culture that pervaded the '80s.

## Misfits of music

Counterculture is a breeding ground for Anti-heroism, especially in the music of the last three decades as manifested in the rise of punk, rock and roll, heavy metal, alternative, hip-hop and experimental electronica genres. In music, we have crooned along, banged our heads or executed epileptic jigs to the songs of Anti-hero acts like the Sex Pistols, Metallica, Kurt Cobain, Kiss, Morrisey, Eminem, Dr. Dre and Madonna. One of the more notorious Anti-heroes of music still talked about to this day is Jim Morrison of "The Doors."

Known to have faced cops, fans and fuming girlfriends in various stages of inebriation from drugs and alcohol, Morrison remains a fascinating enigma for also being a voracious bookworm, a passionate poet and an androgynous sex symbol. Locally, bad boy Joey Pepe Smith is still revered as the legendary icon of Pinoy rock and roll.

Though the end message may be similar, lyrics have likewise evolved from tree-hugging propositions like "All we are saying/ is give peace a chance," to the likes of "Fist in the air in the land of hypocrisy" from Rage Against the Machine.

## The allure

So what exactly is the allure of the Anti-Hero? Why is it nowadays we're more beguiled by Travolta's Vincent Vega of "Pulp Fiction" than his syrupy Danny Zuko of "Grease"? Why are we entranced by Angel and the Vampire Lestat, and quote from Bart Simpson and South Park's Cartman? Is it just a simple case of bad boy fascination?

Perhaps it is because the image of the clean-cut, goody-goody figure of authority reminds us too much of the failings of society. Whereas before, we had appropriated the Hero as someone strong, virtuous and loyal because these were the supposed pillars of a healthy society, we have come to realize that all that does not mirror reality. Being face to face with perfection is like wearing blinders to what's really going on in the world, and that does not exactly arouse what is most important—a real desire to change for the better.

Thus, in the true spirit of heroism, the Anti-hero is heroic, because he calls upon society to take a good look at itself, through his actions, morals or lack thereof. He is heroic for unlike the Hero of old who stood detached from the crowd, remaining an untouchable paragon of perfection, the Anti-hero is in the middle of the throng, standing alongside us even, sharing our human frailties and imperfections.

Though he doesn't offer us empty promises like saving the world in a flash, he does instigate change by provoking examination and scrutiny of the imperfect society we're a part of. Thus, he offers a real hope that things could get better—if we look at ourselves, engage in some self-introspection within the context of an imperfect world, then real change is possible. And that is the Anti-hero's superpower.

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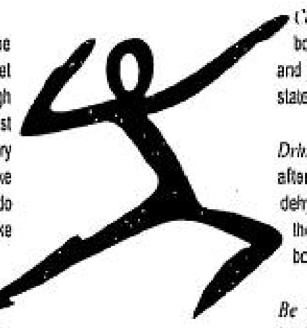

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Set your Goals – Goals should be realistic, measurable, specific. It is good to set both short and long term goals. Breaking it down that way makes matters less overwhelming.

Draw up an Exercise Plan - again with the help of your doctor, you can discuss extensively what type of exercise that is good for you, how often and the times you need to test your blood glucose level, among others. Dr. Teresa Plata Que, Vice President of the Philippine Diabetes Association, explains that " a diabetic should exercise for a minimum of 30 minutes per session, 3 times a week. Aerobic exercise such as brisk walking, swimming, cycling, jogging, is highly recommended ". Dr. Que also says that 10-16 weeks of exercise can produce weight loss of 0.6 kg in women and 1.3 kg in men*

### Exercising Right

It took a lot of willpower to get you started. Be sure to exercise properly and reap its benefits, not run risks.

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# Super G!

By Tim Yap
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G is on a roll. We are driving around LA in her Toyota Matrix (which she calls "Bleecker Juice," after the street where she used to live in New York) as she goes through her to-do-list. "I haven't even called my agent."

**BLUE ZIP-UP** cardigan denim skirt with embroidered waistband, striped spaghetti strap top with lace

First we hop off to a library, where she returns books she borrowed before she left for her recent Manila working vacation.

The librarian, who happens to be Pinay, is elated to see her. *"Ay, nakita kita sa TV ah!"* Before G leaves, she gives our *kababayan* the Freeway paperbag with her image on (yes, the same one with her Edsa billboard). And the librarian proceeds to exempt Giselle of any overdue charges. "You see, that is the global *Pinoy* mafia," G winks as we head to the next destination.

Next we hop onto Rome on Sunset Boulevard, where G is up for a waitress position. Here in "everybody-is-an-actor" LA town, waitressing and bartending jobs are no joke. Three days of work in a week can pay for your whole month's rent. "It's just very different here in LA. Applying for a waitress job is as hard as getting a film role." All of a sudden, the over confident, go getter G was nowhere in sight.

"I hope I get this one," she whispers under her breath as she lists down the number of a particular apartment for rent. She then walks into a restaurant, meets the owner, and is hired on the spot.

Then we head over to Universal City, where the manager of Saddle Ranch, is expecting her. When Giselle arrives, she is met by warm smiles and "where-have-you-been" questions by the staff, who treat her like family. It seems they do not know what she does and who she is in our town. Here, she is as ordinary as you and me. No movie star flash, no fanfare.

"I like that I am meeting so many people from all walks of life from all over the world," she tells me while driving, picking up calls from friends and workmates and trying to check the direction heading towards Melrose, all at the same time.

When we get to the Melrose boutiques, she all of a sudden whips out her sketchbook and began doodling on clothes designs. "You can try it on," says the boutique manager when she saw Giselle trying to decipher the dress.

"I'm a designer," G says without batting an eyelash.

That's G for you—a lady who wears multiple hats—actress, model, gay icon, fashionista, movie star, waitress, bartender, designer, student, etc. She puts as much heart,

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**What do you hear?**

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**What do you smell?**

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Juice....my mother's brea
asleep..Coco number 5.:Chris
Poison...Garlic!!!

**Who are you now?**

I have evolved into such a d
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gling actress and yet I am
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or another.

**What are your insecurities**

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**High Moments?**

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**Low Moments?**

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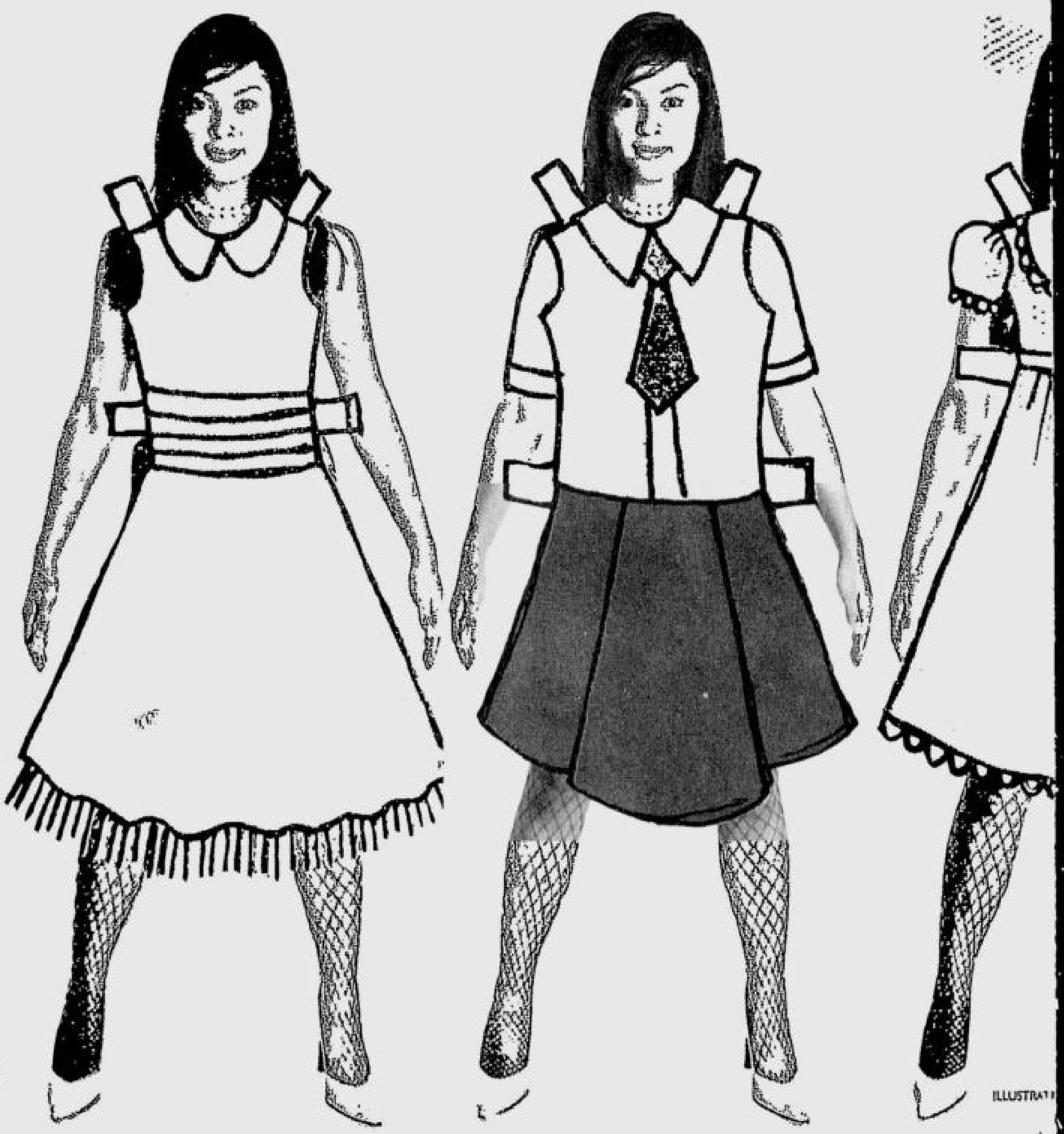

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parking ticket or have a good dinner. I ended up at Del TAco with a friend who treated me with the last 5 bucks she had and everything seemed so sumptuous!

**What keeps you up?**

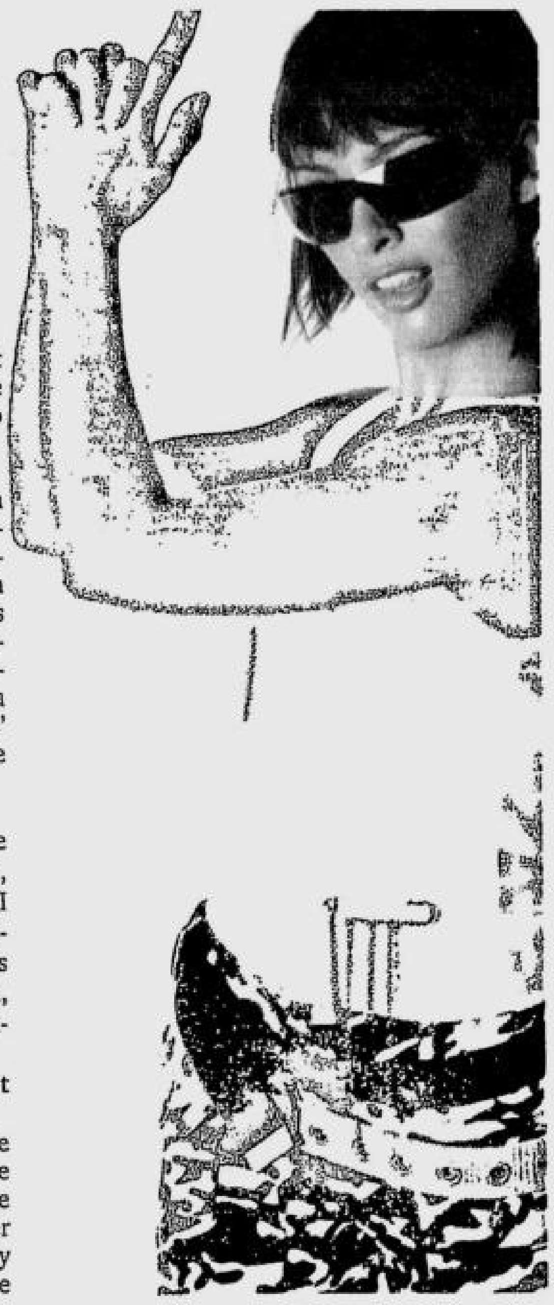
I am lucky to have a support group of women around me. Let me start off with my mother Aurora, My sister and business manager, Avie, My personal Manager, Tonette Buizon and the 2 women from Manila Genesis Entertainment that keeps things going, Angeli Valenciano and Gina Martinez! And then there's an occasional phat ass party with the drummin' beats of Marques Wyatt or a really amazing memoir like Elizabeth Wurtzels' PROZAC NATION that my bestfriend Charmaine Parcero recommended.

**Your heroes and Why?**

My personal hero is ofcourse my MOTHER! With 4 children, being a single mom is no joke! I saw her pains and how she always put her children's interests before herself. See is unselfish, devoted, positive and most importantly a SURVIVOR!

**Dreams are made out of——**

Well, my dreams are made out of a lot of factors! They are fueled by wanting to become the best that I can be in whatever field I eventually end up in. My longterm dream would be to be able to be a working actress all my life, but it takes so much discipline and focus to really hone a craft, and sometimes I fall behind what I expect for myself. But then again, dreaming is free and they change all the time, especially as soon as you have attained them. Back in the day, A dream of mine was to just be able ot make it out here to Hollywood...and now that I live here, there are new ones almost everyday. What I am saying is, Dreams are made of faith...Faith that if it was meant to be given to you, by a higher power, then that is your destiny. But at the same time, hard work and perseverance will give you a headstart and might make your dreams come true, if channeled properly.



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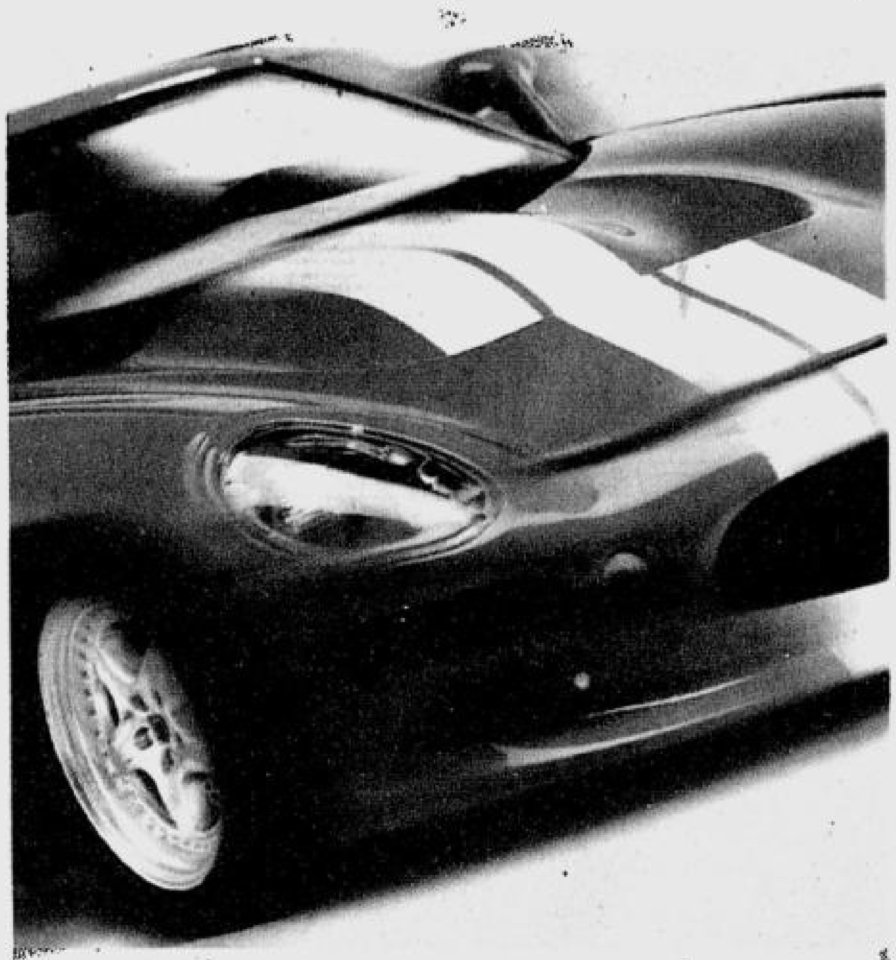

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# Who is the villain in your life?

By Maui V. Reyes

YOUR professor, your neighbor, your bank manager, your spouse. We're always looking for excuses why we can never seem to finish a task or a person to blame for mishaps in our lives. Before you think it's time to don that superhero cape and mask, read on and see who these people claim to be the villians in *their* lives. Do any of them sound familiar to you?

"There are no villains in my life—only myself, when I feel self-doubt."

—*Joel Trinidad, stage actor*

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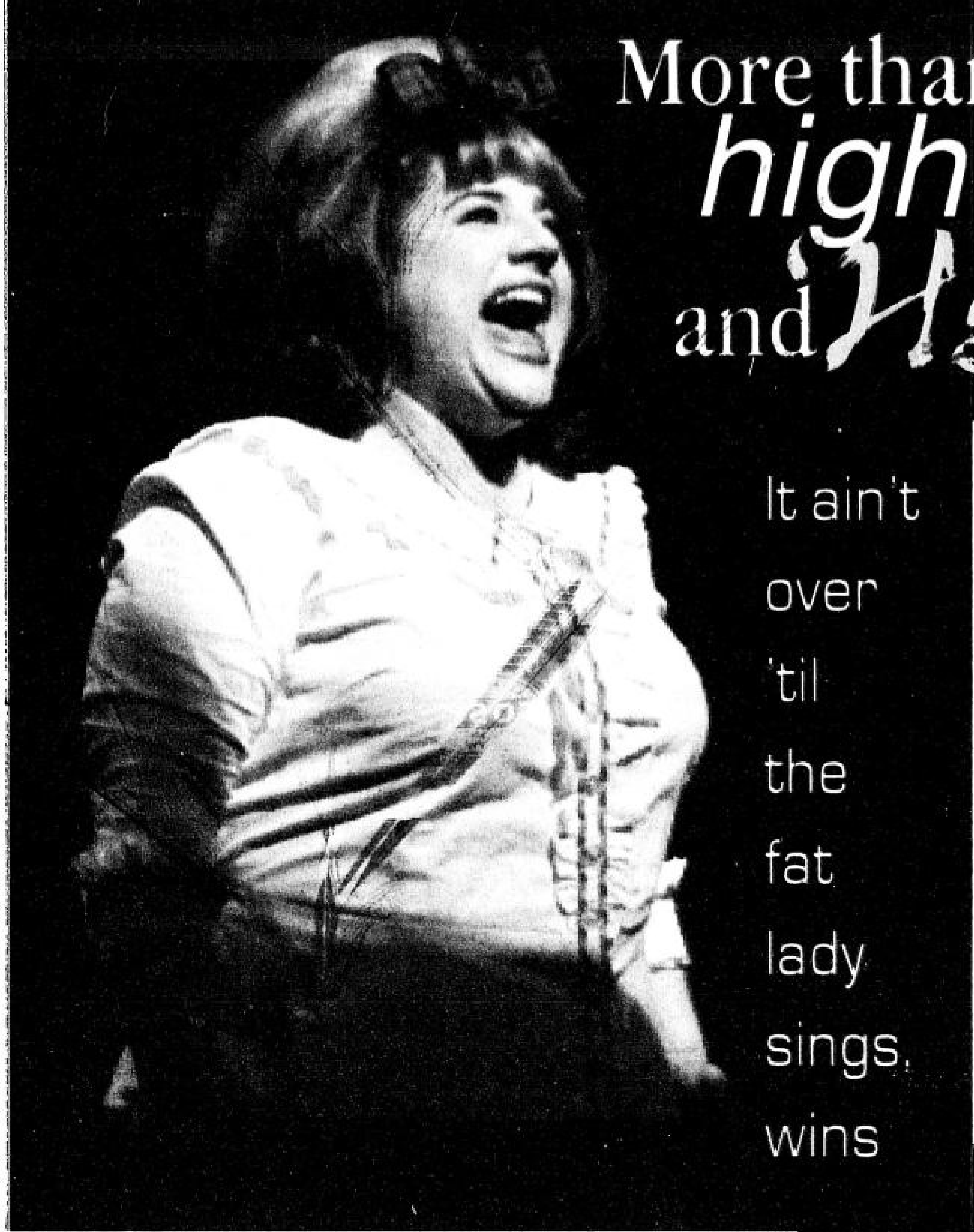

It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings, wins

**Tim Yap**

NEW YORK CITY—"If a fat girl who's 4'11" can come here and do a lead role on Broadway and win a Tony in the process, so could you!" gushed Marissa Jaret Winokur as she accepted her award for Best Actress in a Musical at the Radio City Music Hall last Sunday for playing Tracy Turnblad, the large girl with a high hairdo in Broadway's latest smash hit, "Hairspray."

Set in Baltimore, early June 1962, the show tells the story of Tracy, who dreams of someday appearing in "The Corny Collins Show," an after-school dance program that features The Nicest Kids in Town—think early version of "That's Entertainment." She would rush home from school with her best friend Penny to watch the show to learn the latest dances (*a la* Penthouse Gang) and swoon over Link Larkin, the show's resident dreamboat. Link is linked to Amber, the all-American eager beaver blonde popular girl type who wants the title "Miss Teenage Hairspray."

Corny Collins, the dance show host, announces that one of the girls needs to take a "nine-month-leave" and auditions are going to be held to replace her. Excited, Tracy turns up later at the audition, but is not even given a chance, because she's "too short and too fat." Another girl, who's black, was also rejected.

Tracy stumbles into detention for her high hair and meets Seaweed, a black man who has more groove than Gary V in concert. He teaches her some steps, which she puts into good use during the high school dance to attract the attention of Corny Collins, who was the host of the party. He notices her unique rhythm and abundant *joie de vivre*, and makes her part of his show on the spot.

## Stereotype and segregation

To make a long story short, she then becomes a celebrity, and after some high haired adventures and misadventures, she manages to make her housewife mother come out and see and enjoy the world, pave the way for black people (this was the '60s remember?) and get the man of her dreams—all in one phat, fab and funny show done with great choreography, witty punchlines and rainbow colored sets—in short, its the Big, Splashy Broadway Musical!

But what makes it more than just your "large" musical shebang about chubby chasers winning in the end is that it deals with so much more issues—sex, stereotype and segregation are tackled here without being preachy or over zealous. Picture "Grease" with a deep political and social content, and this time, the lead girl is totally not an insecure, naïve blonde.

I just love shows that seem all too shallow, sappy, campy or mushy. Small minds would point to it being escapist. Maybe it is, to a point, but if you look past its good factor, you'll find messages hidden that speak about our world. Who knew that "The Sound of Music" was really about how a family dealt with war? Sometimes, we have to look deeper and not depend on what we see on the surface to judge.

Funny how, in the dance scenes with Tracy and the "colored" flock, I found myself shedding a tear or two. Seeing how black people celebrate to signify their love of life, savor whatever they had. They partied hard, yes, again, maybe as an escape, but this balanced their extreme-joy-extreme-pain ratio.

"The hair was perfect. But the world was a mess." John Waters, creator of "Hairspray" "commented about those times.

## Can't stop the beat

Another high point of the show is that of Tracy's mom, Edna, given life by seasoned stage performer Harvey Fierstein (of "Torch Song Trilogy" and Andy Warhol flicks fame),

a guy dressed as an even bigger girl. For his performance, he also won the Tony best actor in a musical, beating Antonio Banderas, who made his Broadway debut as lead star of musical revival "Nine."

The costumes were so colorful, the wigs so campy, and the choreography was too much fun that come curtain call, everyone was dancing, like kids drunk in the apartment to "You Can't Stop the Beat," the show's finale. Even after the show, I spotted teeners dancing at the lobby while the CD was playing the original cast soundtrack—it's bound to be one of those cult stage classics that will live forever.

I didn't get to see the movie version starring Ricki Lake ( I just bought the DVD though), but I think the stage version delivers the punches even stronger. (The trend now in Broadway leans toward the feel-good stuff—the epic musicals like "Cats," "Miss Saigon" and "Les Miserables" have all closed.) A great team was put together to deliver it from big screen to Broadway that, according to Mark O' Connel, writer of the "Hairspray" book, making it was "very much like high school—dreaded in prospect, but cherished in retrospect." The result? Thirteen Tony nominations, eight of which they actually won, making them the big winner of last Sunday's American Theater Wing Association ceremonies and Broadway's top crowd drawer this season and for years to come.

Margo Lion, the show's producer, who used her own home as collateral just to be able to finance this stage feat, said "Hairspray" is a reminder of how far we've come when the worried mom is a man, the fat girl wins the cute guy, and the black and white teenagers live happily ever after." Aren't we just proud to belong to this generation?

But Waters reveals his main intention for coming up with the show. "The real reason I'm praying "Hairspray" succeeds is that if it's a hit, there will be high school productions, and finally, the fat girl and the drag queen will get the starring parts."

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# Who is the villain in your life?

From page K1

"My personal trainer. He's so not getting me into shape to meet Brandon Boyd."

*—Lizza Nakpil, Manager of Rivermaya*

"Women—can't live with them, can't live without them."

*—Atom Henares, NU 107's big boss*

"Myself."

*—DJ Mike, Akafellas*

"Litterbugs, smoke belchers and security guards who don't bother closing your bag once they've searched through it."

*—Carlo Ledesma, Game Plan host*

"The *kontrabida* in my life is my temper, because sometimes it gets the best of me—especially in traffic."

*—Bennnii, Magic 89.9 DJ*

"The villain in my life is my conscience."
—Jugs, itchyworms!

"The people who don't believe in me, sometimes including myself."

*—Gary Mercado, web consultant*

"Mostly myself."

*—Ala Paredes*

"The school administration. Because they suck."

*—Weng Weng, writer*

"Social-climbing suck-ups and promiscuous girls, who are promiscuous because they think it's cool."

*—Mich Dulce*

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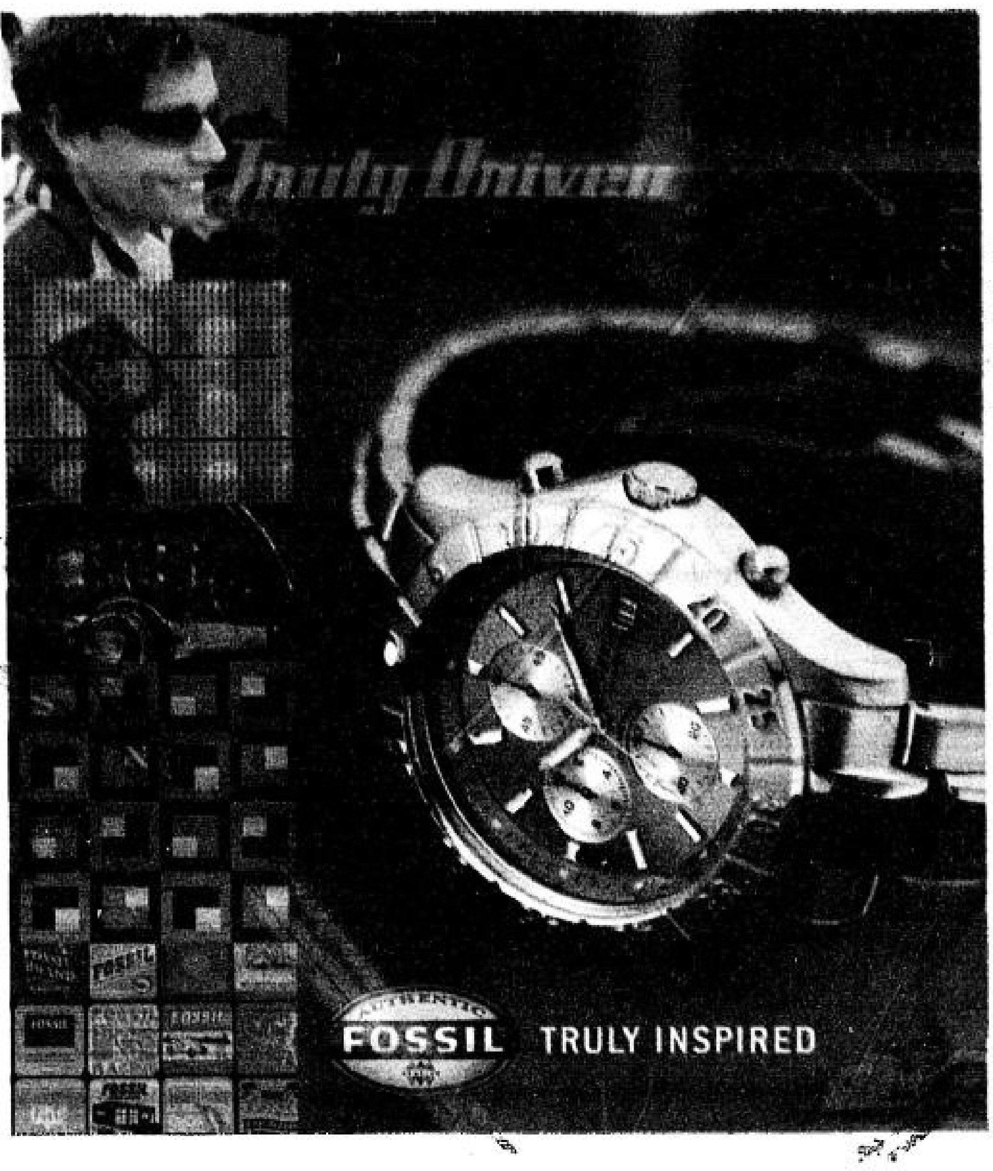
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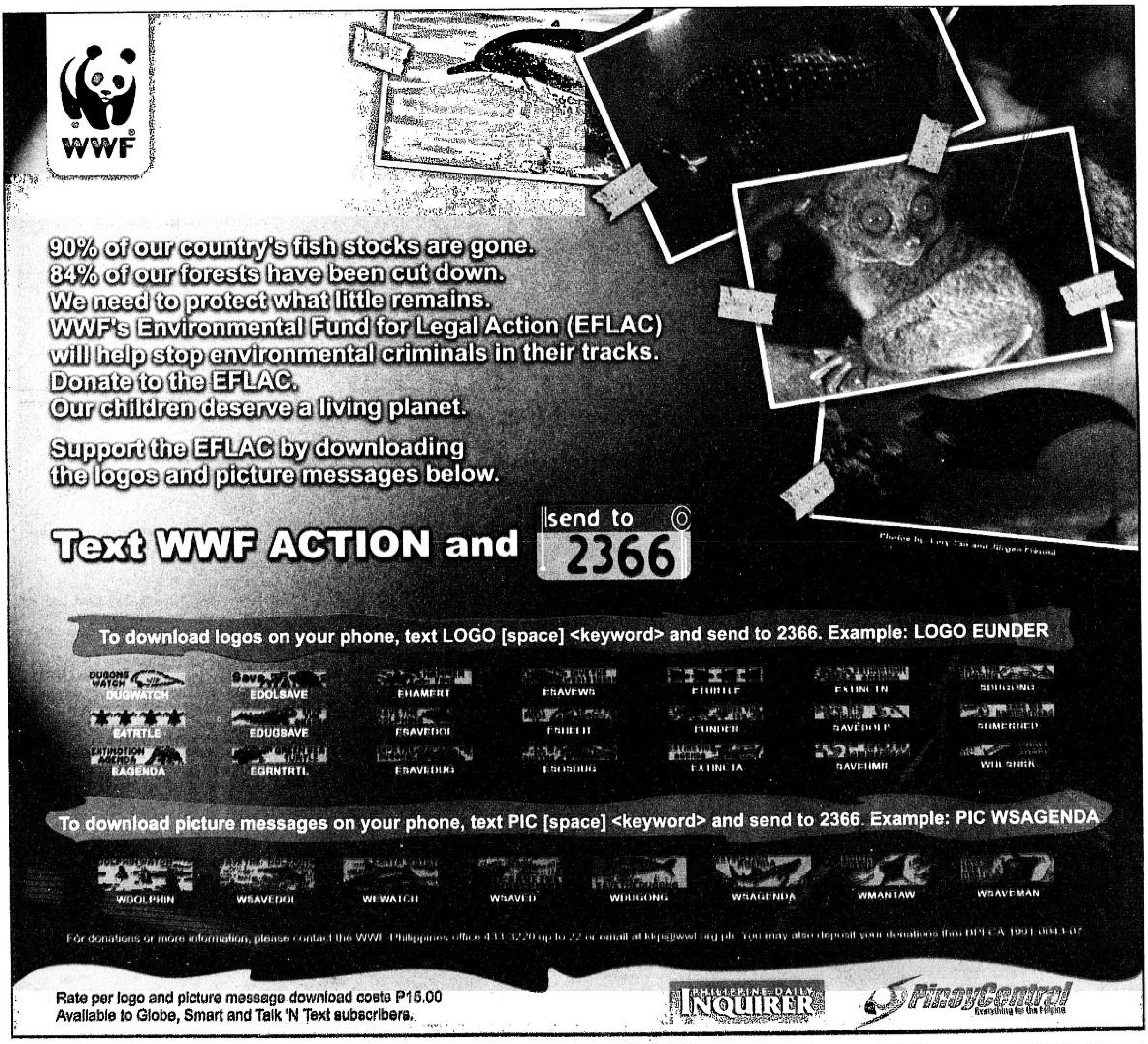
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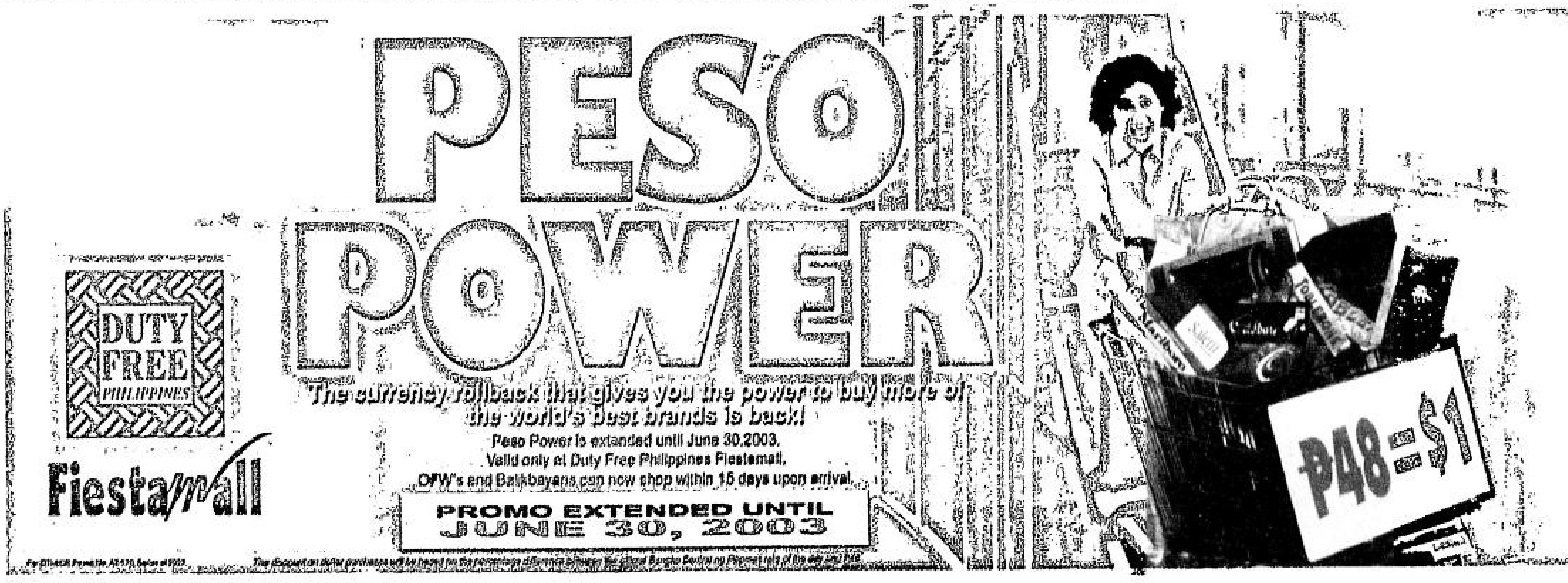
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### by Lex

"MOM, I wish I was born a *dwende* so I can make lots of money on TV."

Cashing in on crudeness has always been a formula for Pinoy humor. Why???? You comedy producers who do this are all sick! You are ugly inside. You are the industry's real *kontrabidas*.

WHITNEY TYSON. Black as night.

I grew up watching Zorayda and was taught that her ugliness was funny. She was viewed as a freak and it was supposed to be hilarious. Whitney Tyson was exactly the same way. She was black as night and her afro would be blown out till she looked like a prepubescent Michael Jackson. We laughed at her too and thought it was okay. Mahal is exactly the same way. Her size and the fact that she is dating a regular sized guy is constantly being viewed as an oddity. Bentong, the fat guy, is always asked to remove his shirt and dance like a belly dancer. Gays are expected to act like queerdos as exemplified by the stereotyped roles played by Roderick Paulate and many before and after him.

Effect: we go to school or to work and think, "Hey, if this is done on TV why cant we do it here?"

I have always been amazed about how Pinoys can be so proper at some things and yet so tactless at others. Dozens of times I have heard parents of other kids talk to the fat friends of their children. *"Hoy, ang taba-taba mo na! Napabayaan ka ata sa kitchen a."* And the typical response. *"Oo nga po, eh."* When the right answer is, "Why don't you mind your own business, idiot!"

This is the 21st century. Come on, just let people be.

MAHAL. Her size and lovelife have become an oddity.

Fat, gay, vertically challenged, and ugly people have feelings too you know. They are normal. Its you who mock them that are messed up!

I dream of the day that we will see a loving gay couple portrayed on the silver screen, or a really unattractive lady in a leading role as the heroine in a drama, or a midget playing a serious part that has nothing to do with his/her size. That is what keeps me watching, hoping that soon our minds will open and this will become a reality.

When did different become a bad thing anyway? Individuality is great! Gay, straight, tall, small, fat, thin, who really cares?! We are all Pinoy and that is something I for one am so immensely proud of. Lets stop watching these stupid lunch time shows, comedy spoofs, and movies that are so blatantly patronizing! And whether we are in school or work or whatever lets stop ridiculing people who don't look the way we do. I mean, really, are we so perfect anyway?

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SO maybe Mr. Sheik, after releasing the singles "Barely Breathing" and "Wishful Thinking" didn't exactly jump in the commercial bandwagon that included then superstars Limp Bizkit and Dr. Dre. And as trends come and go, Duncan Sheik has stayed true to the music he believes is what makes him: the guitar-driven, catchy hooks matched with equally catchy lyrics that only tell of the surface of the many stories Sheik is dying to tell.

Daylight, his third album, is what his fans from Humming have been waiting for. After his experimental trip with Phantom Moon, Sheik has finally returned to his acoustic roots. With its carrier single, "On a High," Sheik's Daylight strives to again infiltrate the adult charts and college radio stations. If not, well, his future's pretty secure-he's been composing for Sater's plays.

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**Who is Cletis Tout?**
*Paramount Pictures*

Christian Slater, Portia de Rossi, Tim Allen, and Richard Dreyfuss star in this flick that, in Allen's words, "funny, smart and many-layered." Slater plays Trevor Finch, a self-declared criminal mastermind. He meets Dreyfuss's character, Micah, a magician who stole diamonds during one of his many street acts, in prison. Together they escape and get new identities with the help of coroner Savian (Billy Connolly), who christens Micah as "Marcel Zavoya," an unknown fiftysomething factory worker, and Finch as "Cletis Tout," both whose bodies arrived at the morgue that day.

Word gets out that "Cletis Tout" is still alive when Tout's neighbor (played by RuPaul) catches Finch trying to get in Tout's apartment. Paulie the Fist hires hit man (and film enthusiast) Critical Jim to finish him off, and the movie starts to take off with what Critical Jim describes as the "perfect" film: a third act, a good romance story, and cars getting blowed up, and people getting shot.

We couldn't agree more.

## Website

**Whowouldyoukill.com**

Ever wanted to watch Joey Potter drown in the creek or Felicity get hit by a cab on the street of New York? You may let the world know how much you despise them in cyberspace. Whowouldyoukill.com gives you the option to kill a specific character on a show and describe in detail how they get the axe. Want a slow and painful death for "Friends'" Rachel and behead "Smallville's" Lana Lang in a split second? You're given the chance to write their final scene on the show before sending them off to TV heaven, and read what others had in mind as to what the character's fate should be.

Shopaholic
Takes
Manhattan
An irresistible new novel from the bestselling author of Confessions of a Shopaholic
SOPHIE KINSELLA

## Book

**The Shopaholic Trilogy: "Confessions of a Shopaholic," "Shopaholic Takes Manhattan" and "Shopaholic Ties the Knot."**
*By Sophie Kinsella*

Going broke was never this much fun.
Confessions of a
Shopaholic
a novel
SOPHIE KINSELLA

Reading the Shopaholic series will either make you want to cry or set the books on fire. The heroine in this trilogy of well-written chick-lit books is Rebecca Bloomwood, a 27 -year-old who never seems to be able to maintain a good relationship with her bank manager, because of her appalling spending habits. To say she doesn't know the first thing about saving money is the biggest irony of all-Ms Bloomwood is one of London's well-known a financial journalists.

Although at most times far-fetched, Becky's take on life is witty, smart, and a reminder of the consumer-conscious in all of us, desperately waiting to be redeemed-while still looking absolutely fabulous in a 50 percent-off Denny and George scarf.

For a light read, pick up the Shopaholic series.

## Restaurant

**Gayuma**

Esteban Abada cor. B. Gonzales, Loyola Heights, Q.C.

A place where you can have to-die-for cakes and meals while reading books on witchcraft and anything under the sun while having your fortune read by tarot readers, Gayuma is a place where, contrary to popular belief, not only Ateneans flock to.

With its homey atmosphere and friendly staff, Gayuma provides a relaxing place to kick back after a hard day at work or school. Don't think it's all about cakes and good salads.

You don't want to miss out on their version of the Better Than Sex cake, their best seller so far. The sinfully delicious Chocolate Decadent Cake, and their spin to the Australian Pavlova.

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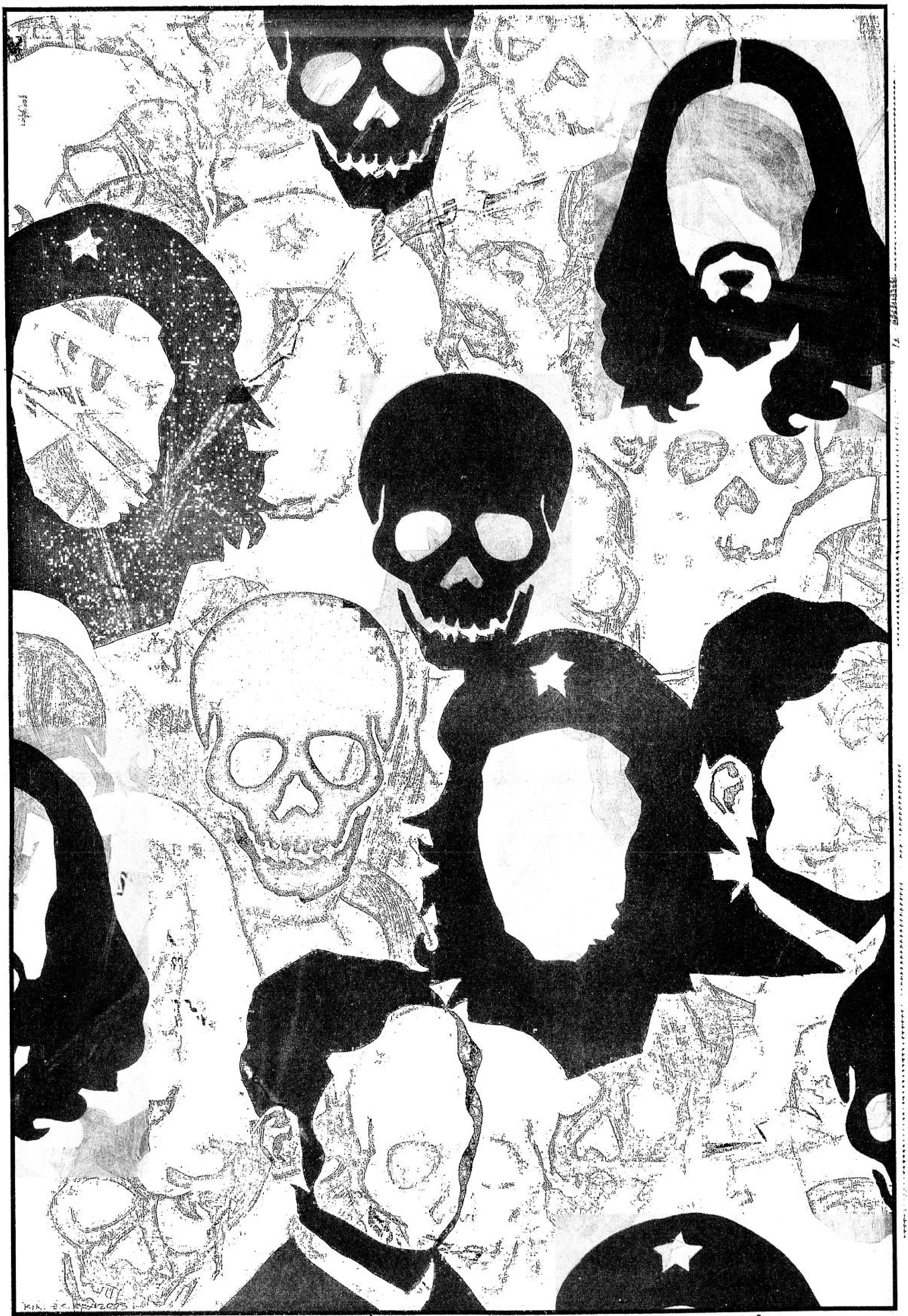


# Inspiration Sandwich

**The Artwork:** Invisible Heroes
**The Artist:** Kiko Escora

**Super!:** Define your art.

**KE:** What I do is very basic painting or image-building on the canvas. Very traditional actually. I'm more interested in what and why I'm painting.

**Super!:** Where do you draw inspiration from?

**KE:** Inspiration comes from almost everything. My friends, the places I go to, pictures in magazines, clouds, music, people I know, people I don't know, objects, stories I heard, stories I've read, even conversations like this.

**Super!:** The scene—headed forward or backward?

**KE:** Both. we need the past to move forward.

**Super!:** Young society now is...

**KE:** More outgoing and vocal about their views.

**Super!:** Favorite subjects?

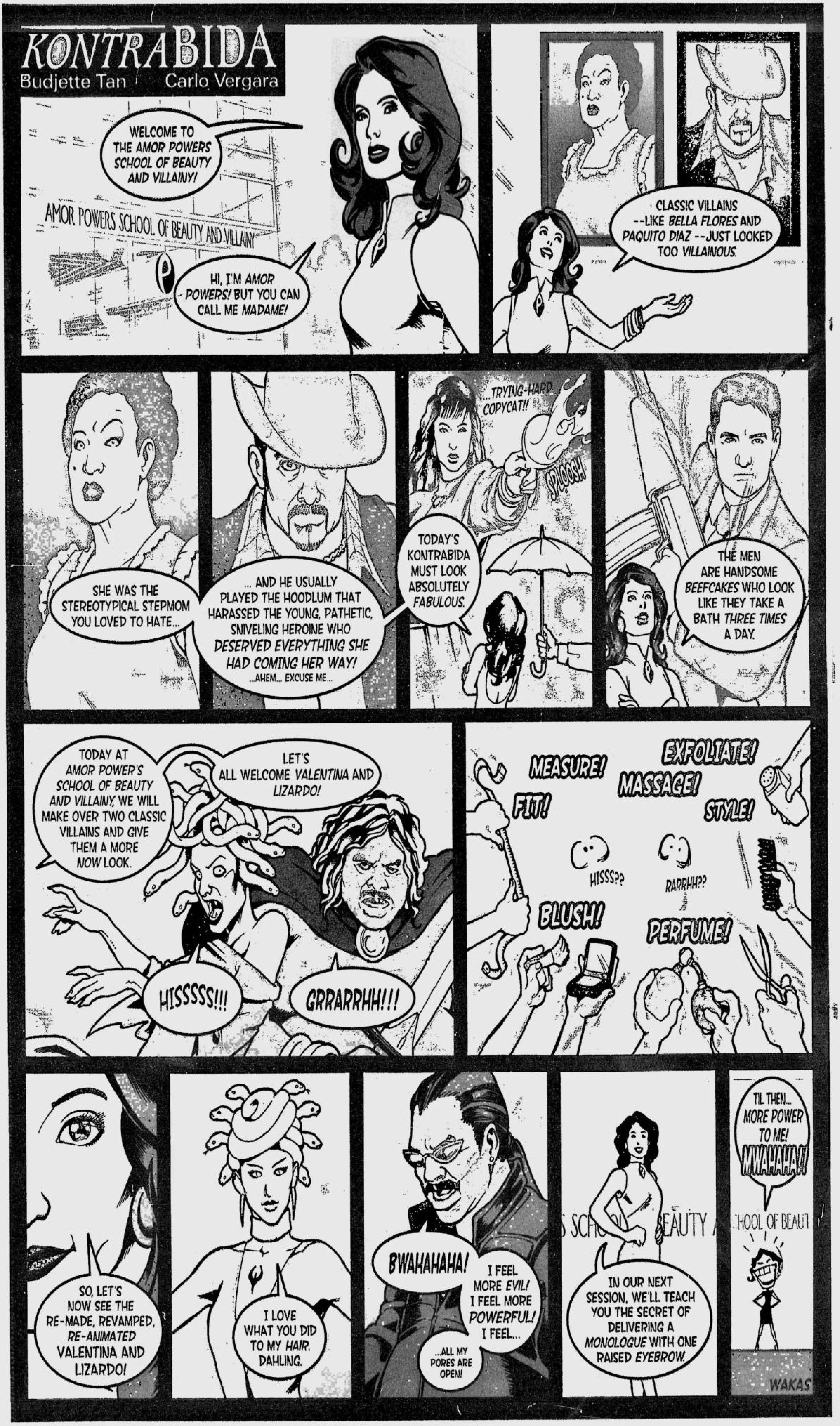
**KE:** Human nature

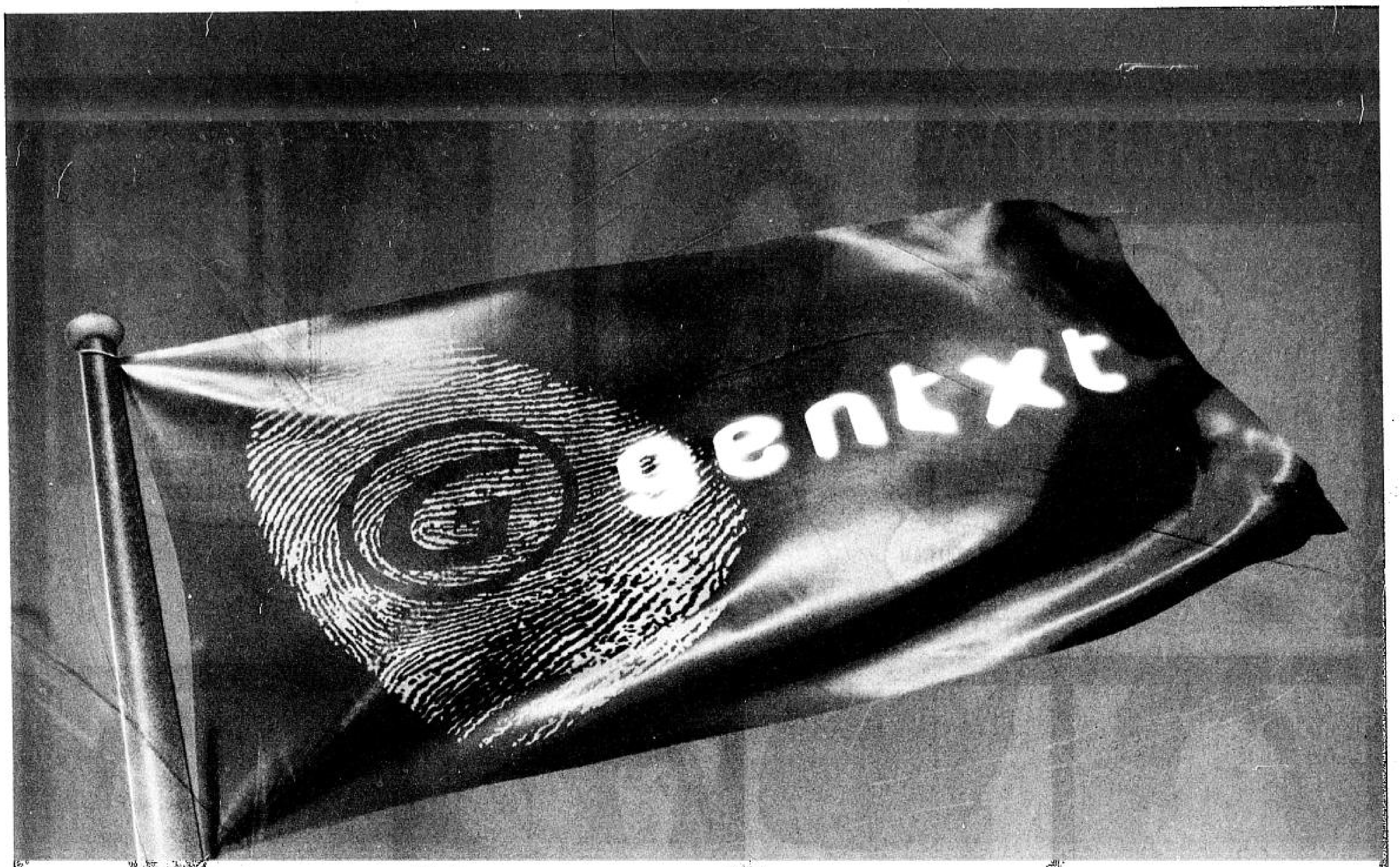
**Super!:** What's the best thing about you being born?

**KE:** The simple fact of experiencing life is a most wonderful thing in itself. Then there is choice. Then possibilities.

**Super!:** Who is your superhero?

**KE:** To be honest, I don't really have one. If you have a hero, look again, you have somehow diminished yourself.


KONTRABIDA
Budjette Tan
Carlo Vergara
WELCOME TO THE AMOR POWERS SCHOOL OF BEAUTY AND VILLAINY!
AMOR POWERS SCHOOL OF BEAUTY AND VILLAINY
HI, I'M AMOR POWERS! BUT YOU CAN CALL ME MADAME!
CLASSIC VILLAINS --LIKE BELLA FLORES AND PAQUITO DIAZ --JUST LOOKED TOO VILLAINOUS.
SHE WAS THE STEREOTYPICAL STEPMOM YOU LOVED TO HATE...
... AND HE USUALLY PLAYED THE HOODLUM THAT HARASSED THE YOUNG, PATHETIC, SNIVELING HEROINE WHO DESERVED EVERYTHING SHE HAD COMING HER WAY!
...AHEM... EXCUSE ME...
...TRYING-HARD COPYCAT!!
SPLOOSH
TODAY'S KONTRABIDA MUST LOOK ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS.
THE MEN ARE HANDSOME BEEFCAKES WHO LOOK LIKE THEY TAKE A BATH THREE TIMES A DAY.
TODAY AT AMOR POWER'S SCHOOL OF BEAUTY AND VILLAINY, WE WILL MAKE OVER TWO CLASSIC VILLAINS AND GIVE THEM A MORE NOW LOOK.
LET'S ALL WELCOME VALENTINA AND LIZARDO!
HISSSSS!!!
GRRARRHH!!!
MEASURE!
EXFOLIATE!
MASSAGE!
FIT!
STYLE!
HISSS??
RARRHH??
BLUSH!
PERFUME!
SO, LET'S NOW SEE THE RE-MADE, REVAMPED, RE-ANIMATED VALENTINA AND LIZARDO!
I LOVE WHAT YOU DID TO MY HAIR, DAHLING.
BWAHAHAHA!
I FEEL MORE EVIL! I FEEL MORE POWERFUL! I FEEL...
...ALL MY PORES ARE OPEN!
S SCHO BEAUTY A
IN OUR NEXT SESSION, WE'LL TEACH YOU THE SECRET OF DELIVERING A MONOLOGUE WITH ONE RAISED EYEBROW.
TIL THEN... MORE POWER TO ME! MWAHAHA!!
CHOOL OF BEAUT
WAKAS



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**JUN 6-29** **NBA Madness**
Experience NBA action on tour in this high-flying event!

June 6-8: SM Bicutan
June 13-15: SM Bacoor
June 20-22: SM Pampanga
June 27-29: SM Fairview

**JUN 14-21** **adidas Streetball Challenge 2003 presented by Gentxt**
Slam n jam with some of the country s top amateur players.

June 14-15: Ateneo de Zamboanga
June 14-15: Don Mariano Marcos Gym, Cagayan de Oro
June 27-29: Mindanao Championships @ Gaisano Mall, Davao

### PARTIES

**JUN 13** Fri 9 PM **BORN @ BED Bar and Club, Malate**
Catch the Grand Opening of the ultimate clubbing experience in Manila!

- First 100 Gentxters get in for free. Late arrivals can flash their Gentxt cards to get ₱50 discount on entrance. No need to line up. Gentxters get priority access!
- Open bar from 10pm-12mn

**JUN 14 & 21** Sat 9 PM **BREAK2SCHOOL**
Breakdance your way back to school at our Gentxt hiphop parties.

June 14: Club Wherelse, Makati
June 21: Club Centro, Libis

- First 30 Gentxters get in for free. Late arrivals can flash their Gentxt cards to get ₱50 discount on entrance

### ENTERTAINMENT

**JUN 12, 18 & 27** 9 PM **Gentxt Nights @ Dish Rockwell Power Plant**
Move to the Gentxt groove in our weekly concerts.

June 12: Nyoy Volante & Mannos
June 18: Freestyle
June 27: Paolo Santos & Pido with Take One

- Flash your Gentxt card and get free entrance and a free drink
- VIP area for the first 100 Gentxters

**JUN 17** Tue 8 PM **HULK Premiere @ Onstage, Greenbelt 1**
Get in for free in this exclusive advanced screening.

- First 400 Gentxters to register at the venue at 6pm get one free ticket each.

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